

Interview Preparation

What you can expect:

- You and your Alum Interviewer will meet for 30 minutes on a date and time that works for you both. The interview is a friendly conversation (rather than a formal exchange), with time built in for you to ask questions.
- After the interview is complete, your interviewer will write a summary of the conversation which will be added to your application. Lastly, you will receive a brief survey to share your experience.



Tips to help you to put your best foot forward:

- This conversation is an opportunity for you to share more about yourself to supplement what you have provided in your application. The alum might ask you questions such as what extracurricular activity you are most passionate about or what class has been most challenging.
- Take a breath! The interview is not a test of how much you know about Smith. The interviewer is not trying to stump you. If you need a moment to think of a response to a given question, that's ok!
- In our holistic evaluation process, context is very meaningful. If there are circumstances relating to school, family, work, home, etc. that have impacted or are impacting your academic or personal life, that you would like to add or expand on, you are most welcome to do so.
- There will also be time at the end to ask the alum any questions you have about Smith. Take some time to reflect on what aspects of the college have inspired you to apply and prepare some questions about those you would like to learn more about.

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