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Interview Experience Sharing

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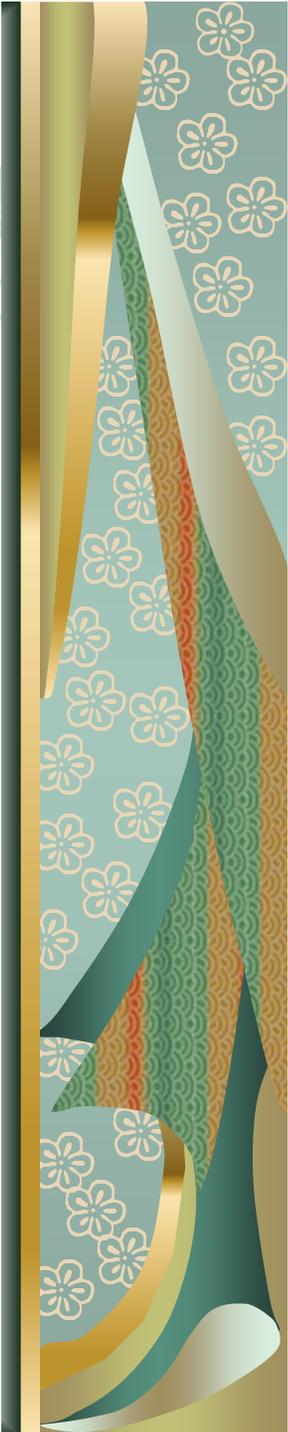
Preparation

-  Your profile
-  Research, schools of interest
-  English
-  Communication skills

Interview

-  Appearance
-  Common questions
-  Difficult situations





Your Profile

■ Know what you have done/ achieved

- Research experience
- Academic achievements

■ Be able to elaborate clearly

- What projects did you do
- How did you do (method, skills...)
- Why did you do things in certain way
- What did you find out (key results...)
- What else could you have done for your project



Research of interest

Know what you want !

-  Why research? What motivation?
-  What kind of research do you want to do
-  Applications in Vietnam context?
-  Is it relevant to your background education and experience?



Schools, professors of interest

■ Search for schools and professors that match your interest

- Able to name them
- Able to explain why you choose them
 - Eg. ranking, published papers in top journals...



English

■ General English

■ Speaking and Listening

- TV (movies, news...)
- English club, friends (other VEF nominees),
- Language centers (eg. Oxford English UK...)

■ Technical English

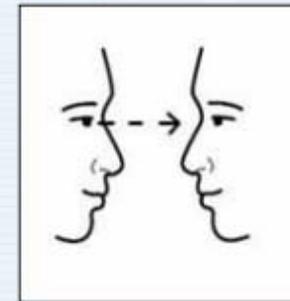
- Scientific / Technical terms in English



Communication skills



Listening



Eye-contact



Illustration



The day before interview



If you can
DREAM IT
you can do it





Appearance

- Formal Attire
- Comfortable
- Be early at the venue and ... SMILE



Common Questions

- Could you please introduce yourself?
- Tell us about your research experience?
(in details)
- What kind of research that you want to do and why?
- What will you do after you graduate?
- Why do you choose XYZ school/professor?
- What are your hobbies?
- Any questions to ask?



Difficult situations

Incidents	Solutions
You do not hear the question clearly	Could you please repeat the question? So you mean that...?
You do not know the answer	Say something related to the question : I do not know about this, but I am pretty sure that...
The professors do not understand your answer	Speak slowly and clearly. Make your answer simpler Using white board for illustration
Your answer is wrong	Say sorry and answer it again



Finally ...

- *Be prepared*
- *Be confident*
- *Be yourself*





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THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Q & A



References

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 Previous VEF presentations

