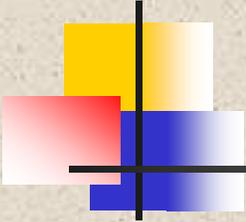


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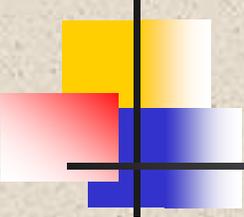
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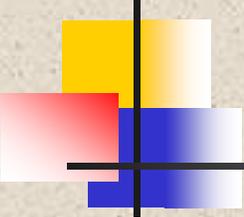


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1. English

- Mastering English communication skills: Listening and speaking
- Learn to think in English
- Keep in touch with English as much as possible (talk with foreigners, watch American movies, music, magazines, newspapers and so on)
- Concentrate on your pronunciation

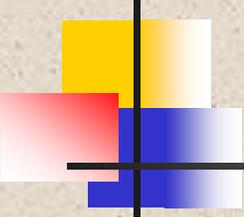


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2. Major

- Reinforce your current academic background
- Focus on
 - The general and fundamental knowledge in your field
 - A solid grasp of your sub-major/specify your research interest (if you haven't have one)
- Read research articles, search for new problems/state-of-the-art/cutting-edge subject in your fields
- Find information about the outstanding/cutting-edge professors in your major, especially three of whom you selected in your earlier profile
- Find information about the three universities chosen as well

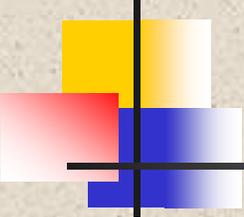


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2. Major

- Catch every opportunity to participate in relevant academic events (to improve English, to get familiar with science and technology community, and to discuss your researching interest)
- Revised your research and academic achievements carefully, make sure you understand them thoroughly
- Statement of purpose is one of the most important things → read it carefully
- Make a hypothetical list of questions and answer them

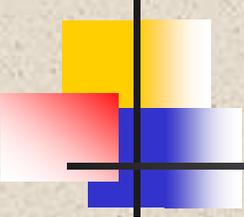


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- Get familiar with business style
- Practice looking in the eyes
- Practice smiling (not grin :D)
- Practice using the body language
- Practice expressing your ideas with the white-board

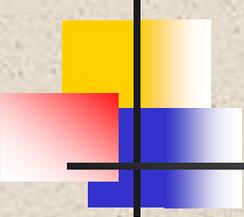


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4. Group and network

- Study in group is a good way to practice
- Try to broaden your network (contact with VEF fellow(s) for more experiences)
- Try to speak to/talk with native speakers **as much as possible**

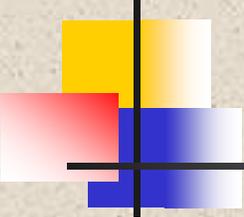


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1. Appearance

- Take a bath, have a shave and wear business attire (suits, ties and so on)
- Come to the interview site about 45 minutes earlier
- Give the firm handshake and the formal greeting
- Show your confident attitude
- Bring your files so neatly (if any, to supplement for what you submitted to VEF) (for example, entire English version of your research in a clear-bag or any polite Dossier) (*optional*)



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2. In the interview room

- Show your respect to the professors but do NOT be afraid
- Smile
- Sit up straight
- Use eye contact
- Calm down and be as comfortable as possible
- Be confident and believe in yourself
- Show your motivation and your potential to be one of leaders of the Vietnamese science and technology
- Make a good sense of suitable humor (optional)
- Do not forget to say thank you and goodbye to the interview panel (good idea)

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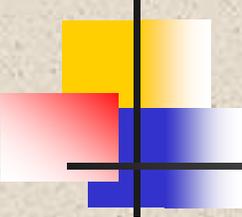
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3. Presentation and interview skills

Should	Shouldn't
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speak <i>precisely</i>, not necessarily too fast• Try to understand all the questions and answer them <i>directly</i>• Tell the truth• Answer reasonably• Use the white-board to elaborate your answer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speak fast but unclearly• Ramble your answers• Make up your answers• Respond informally (ex, "what?")• Use slang, cliché'• Interrupt the professors' saying• Do not write everything down on the board

Optional skills

- + Ask the professors about their idea, ask them some questions.
- + Say: "Good question!" in an enthusiastic way

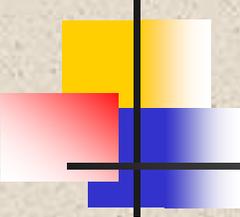


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4. How to deal with accidents

<i>Situations</i>	<i>Solutions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You do not understand the question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask the Professors to re-question you <i>" Could you please restate (rephrase) your question"</i> <i>" I can't hear you very clearly"</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You'd like to confirm the question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>" If I understand you correctly, you've asked me ..."</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You do not know how to answer the question	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>" I don't know much about this..., but I do know about that..."</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You get your facts wrong	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>" Sorry, what I meant is this..."</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You talk too fast	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>" So, let's just recap on that..."</i>

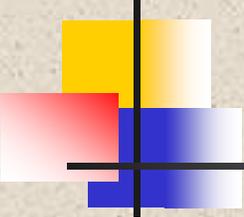


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<i>Situations</i>	<i>Solutions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You forget to say something	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>"Sorry, I should just mention one thing"</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You express the complicated ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>"So, basically, what I'm saying is this... (make it simple)"</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You talk nonsense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>"Sorry, perhaps I didn't make that quite clear..."</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You talk wrong	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>"Sorry, let me rephrase that..."</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You run out of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>"So, just to give you the main points here..."</i>



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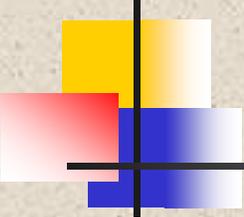
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- *Greeting question*

- Introduce about yourself

- *Personal profiles*

- Where do you come from?
- What is your hometown well-known for?
- Why did you choose to come to US?
- What are your other professional or personal hobbies? what do you like doing in free-time?



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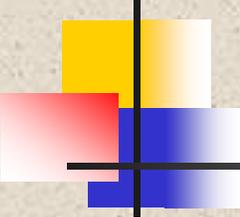
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- *Academic background*

- Think back to when you were first interested in your field. What happened that made you so interested?
- State briefly and directly what you are applying for and why you think you deserved it?
- What do you like the most about your field of research?

- *Research experiences*

- List two experiences - personal or professional - that have encouraged you to stay focused on this field of study or have had a significant impact of your work?
- During your research, what has been the most exciting and rewarding project you've worked on and why?



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- *Motivation, purpose of studying*

- What qualities that you possess that make you an excellent and potentially successful student?
- This fellowship program offers students with a lot of TAs and RAs opportunities. Tell us how you can be capable of taking these tasks?
- Why is your field of research important to your home country and to your destination country and why do you need to pursue more education?
- In other words, how would you see yourself being instrumental to the nationwide/worldwide development of the discipline you are pursuing?

- *Reasons for choosing universities and professors*

- What university are you applying to and why do you select those schools?
- How well do you know about the selected professors

Thanks for your attention

Q&A