

Questions asked in Academic Interviews

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The following is a list of questions one should expect to be asked in an academic interview. Please let me know if you have been asked other questions and I'll gladly add them.

1. What qualities can you bring to the department?
2. Where do you see funding coming from?
3. With whom do you anticipate collaborating? a) locally b) internationally
4. What have you done?
5. What are you doing?
6. What are you going to do?
7. What courses would you be capable of teaching?
8. How much cash would you need to get started?
9. What Textbooks do you read?
10. What Journals do you read?
11. What are some ideas you have for graduate students?
12. Are you an ideas person? How do you find problems to work on?
13. Name one problem you would like to solve?
14. What is the most important contribution to your field in the past 5 years?
15. How would you fit into the department?
16. What attracts you to this position? Why did you apply here?
17. What will you be working on when you arrive? How do you choose what to work on?
18. Do you have any questions?
Yes (here are my questions..)

- a. How many students am I expected to take?
- b. Can I / must I teach? How much? Does it pay extra?
- c. Can I be affiliated with a college?
- d. Can I live here with the salary that is being offered?
- e. Is there money available for travel/books/equipment/inviting people/conferences?
- f. Am I working "under" someone? Is anybody "responsible" for me?
- g. Are there administrative jobs that I am expected to do?
- h. Would my partner be able to work here?
- i. What would my citizenship status be when the position ends?
- j. Are there topics in my research that are especially appealing/unappealing to you?