**Process Issues**

1. What can you do to buy yourself more time while thinking of a response?
2. What should you do if you don’t know how to respond at all?
3. How should you dress?
4. What should you do in advance to prepare for the interview?

**Common Interview Questions**

1. What questions do you have for me?
2. Tell me about yourself.
3. Why did you choose to apply here?
4. Where do you see yourself in 5-10 years?
5. What are your research interests?
6. What is your research experience?
7. What is your career goal?
8. Why are you interested in X (area of work, field of research, etc.)?
9. What sets you apart from the other qualified applicants?
10. What is your biggest passion?
11. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
12. What is your biggest strength? Weakness?
13. Have your research involvements and classes adequately prepared you for X?
14. How will your personal experiences contribute to your capacity to benefit from the coursework in this program?
15. If you're not accepted into graduate school, what are your plans?
16. Why did you choose this career?
17. What do you know about our program?
18. Why did you choose to apply to our program?
19. What other schools are you considering?
20. In what ways have your previous experience prepared you for graduate study in our program?
21. Any questions?
22. What do you believe your greatest challenge will be if you are accepted into this program?
23. In college, what courses did you enjoy the most? The least? Why?
24. Describe any research project you've worked on. What was the purpose of the project and what was your role in the project?
25. How would your professors describe you?
26. How will you be able to make a contribution to this field?
27. What are your hobbies?
28. Explain a situation in which you had a conflict and how you resolved it. What would you do differently? Why?
29. Describe your greatest accomplishment.
30. Tell me about your experience in this field. What was challenging? What was your contribution?
31. What are your career goals? How will this program help you achieve your goals?
32. How do you intend to finance your education?
33. What skills do you bring to the program? How will you help your mentor in his or her research?
34. Are you motivated? Explain and provide examples.
35. Why should we take you and not someone else?
36. What do you plan to specialize in?
37. What do you do in your spare time?
38. What can be determined about an applicant at an interview?
39. What is your expected salary?

**Off-the-wall Questions**

1. If your personality was an animal, what animal would you be?
2. How would you use a statistical technique, such as ANOVA?
3. What is a current world event that you’ve found interesting?
4. What is a “*p* value”?
5. What is “personality”?
6. What is “emotion”?
7. What causes personality?
8. What causes psychopathology?
9. What causes someone to become a pedophile? (note: pronounce the word “pedophile” as “pita-file” and in a bizarre nasally voice)
10. What did you think of the government shutdown?
11. I see you’ve done a lot of workers’ rights advocacy. I really appreciate how the Governor has made it easier for me to fire my employees (followed by 15 minute rant).
12. I know you’ve had a very long day of interviewing. What could I do right now to best improve your quality of life?

**Case Examples**

1. How would you handle an ethical dilemma? (e.g., a patient admits evidence that could be helpful in a court case, but you have signed a doctor-patient confidentiality agreement)
2. How might we try to solve the problem of the growing student debt bubble?
3. As a teacher, how would you go about increasing students’ grades?
4. What would you do if you were working on an inpatient unit and one of the patients (who had obviously wet their pants) tried to shake your hand and you could tell their hand is wet?