

Questions Students Should Ask In A Co-Op Interview

A successful interview is a conversation between the applicant and the interviewer. Do your part! Be prepared to ask, not just answer, questions. You will be surprised how much you will learn about the position and the organization when you do.

When the interview comes to an end and the interviewer asks, "Do you have any questions?", and you draw a blank...MAKE A COMMENT! Mention something positive you learned about the company or your visit or summarize why you feel you would make an ideal co-op for their company.

1. What types of assignments might I expect besides what was in the job description?
2. What is a typical day like for a co-op?
3. What personal qualities have contributed to the success of former co-ops?
4. What are some of the organization's "secret success stories"? Things not published in the brochures or in the media.
5. In your opinion, what do you think I will learn most from a co-op with your organization?
6. As I become more experienced, will I be able to attend staff and departmental meetings?
7. How will my work be reviewed by supervisors? How often?
8. Are there other co-ops at your organization? If a large number are employed, ask if they provide opportunities for interactions with the co-ops.
9. Ask about the interviewer's career path? How long has he/she been with the company, etc. ***Never ask about educational background. Many people may not have a degree and this question would embarrass him/her.***