

Portfolio Sample Questions

Dear Judges:

We want to give our students every opportunity to share with you what they have learned this year. If you cannot think of any questions to get the discussion started after the presentation, here are a few possible questions you could ask. Feel free to ignore this sheet and ask your own questions during the interview.

Preparation for the Internship

What did you find out about yourself in the process of making a résumé?

Were you nervous to interview with your mentor?

Had you ever been interviewed before?

Getting a Mentor

How hard was it for you to find a business partner?

Was it easier or more difficult than you thought to find a business partner?

What was the process you went through to find a business partner?

Process Essay and Speech

Did you find it difficult to explain to others how to do one part of the job you learned about?

Did you find it challenging to write a research paper?

How did you find information that could be documented as research?

Internship Questions

What was the most difficult part of the job?

What did you learn about yourself from your job experience?

What did you learn about other employees from your work experience?

How would you describe your relationship with your mentor?

What would you say is your biggest strength?

What would you say is your biggest weakness?

What do you think you have to offer that most other students don't have?

What would your ideal job be?

What is the most interesting thing that happened at your internship?

What advice would you give about the program to next year's juniors?

Project Questions

How many hours did you spend on your project and over how long a period of time?

What types of organizational considerations did you have to take into account before beginning your project?

What obstacles did you encounter during your project?

How much revision did your project take?

How did you get the inspiration for your project?