

The graphic features a central banner with the title 'The College Interview: It Works Both Ways'. The banner is a dark blue arrow pointing right, with a white border. Above it is a brown arrow pointing right, and below it is a black arrow pointing left. The background is light blue with various circular and spiral patterns in shades of blue and green.

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There will be time during your interview, usually at the end, to ask any questions you may have. This gives you, the prospective student, the opportunity to gather information about the college that may not have already been covered during your research or during the interview.

Keep in mind that the college search process is a two-way street. While a college has to decide whom it will admit, you have to decide which college will be best for you. Going to college is an important investment in your future. You should prepare for your campus visits by deciding in advance which factors are the most important to you in selecting a college. During your visit to the college, make sure that you ask all of your questions and that the responses satisfy your inquiry.

- ◆ What is the average size for classes in the freshman year?
- ◆ What makes this college different from other colleges?
- ◆ What percentage of freshmen return for their sophomore year?
- ◆ Does the college have a strong and active alumni association?
- ◆ How accessible is the faculty for individual help?
- ◆ Do graduate assistants teach any of the freshman and/or introductory courses?
- ◆ What types of study abroad programs does the college offer?
- ◆ What courses do typical freshmen take? Are there any courses which all freshmen are obligated to take?
- ◆ Is it difficult to change majors or areas of study after the freshman year?
- ◆ What factors do you consider in the admissions process and, of those, which do you consider most strongly?
- ◆ How important are SAT/ACT scores in the admissions process?
- ◆ What are my chances for admission?
- ◆ What internship opportunities are available for students?
- ◆ Does the college offer a career planning and placement program and, if so, how does the program work?
- ◆ What percentage of your students have been placed in a full-time job or graduate school within six weeks of graduation?
- ◆ What percentage of students in the major in which I am interested are placed in a full-time position upon graduation?
- ◆ Which graduate schools have your students attended?
- ◆ Are counseling services available on campus?
- ◆ What are the most active clubs or student organizations on campus?
- ◆ How active is the student government association?
- ◆ What student publications are available on campus?
- ◆ What religious services are available on campus and in the community?
- ◆ Is there a Greek system (fraternities and sororities) on campus and how active is it?
- ◆ What percentage of the student population resides on campus and about how many students is that?
- ◆ If students choose to live off campus, what are their living options?
- ◆ Approximately how many students go home on the weekends?
- ◆ Does the college offer scholarships and if so, are they need-based, merit-based, or both?
- ◆ What financial aid forms are required?