

Commonly Asked Interview Questions

Once you've identified the transferable skills and qualities you gained through your exchange experience, practice answering mock interview questions using the **“STAR”** approach (Situation, Task, Actions, and Results). This will help you come up with specific examples to demonstrate how your skills and experiences will translate into the professional world.

Situation: *Describe the backstory to a challenge you have overcome.*

Task: *What was your exact role or responsibility in this situation? What was your end goal?*

Action: *Explain the sequence of actions and thought process you used to deal with this challenge. Why did you choose this method?*

Results: *Summarize the tangible results and impact of your work and decisions. How were things better off because of your input? Use a high level of detail and concrete evidence to show the full impact of your initiatives.*

During interviews, recruiters are looking for concise but descriptive responses. By developing some **“STAR”** stories in advance of an interview, you have the opportunity to highlight the transferable skills gained through your exchange experience. Below are a few examples of common interview prompts that can guide you in preparation for interviews.

- Tell me about a time that you had to adapt to a difficult situation. How did you handle this challenge?
- Describe a time when you used persuasion to convince someone to see things your way.
- How has your education prepared you for this job?
- What accomplishment has given you the greatest satisfaction?
- What is the toughest challenge you have faced? How did you overcome this challenge?
- Can you work independently and take risks? Give an example.
- Tell me about a time when you were flexible and adaptable to a rapidly changing situation.
- Describe a situation where you had to work under pressure. Were you successful?
- What motivates you to put forth your best effort? Give an example.
- Why did you decide to study or intern abroad? What did you gain from the experience?
- Tell me about a time that you worked with someone you disliked and how you managed this situation.
- Describe a time when you had to juggle multiple projects and deadlines at the same time. How did you manage these projects?
- Give an example of a time that you contributed to an ethnically diverse team.
- Tell me about a time that you worked with someone who did not share your communication style. How did you handle this situation?
- Describe your experience working with or leading diverse teams.
- Please share your greatest weakness and explain how you are working to overcome it.

