

How to ace the interview

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- ...well done!
- Competition is tough – draw some extra confidence from the fact that you have been shortlisted

Before the interview



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- Think about in advance:
 - How does your proposed project build on yet differ from your previous work?
 - What is your core theoretical contribution?
 - Methods
 - Limitations of your study
- Do your homework
 - On the University of Manchester – research strategies
 - How your work connects with research in specific DAs, research centres and institutions
 - Think of what you can offer them and what they can offer you
 - Talk to key people before the interview
- Mock interviews

During the interview



During the interview

- Be positive – don't sell yourself short
- Eye contact
- If you do not understand a question, ask for clarification
- Answer the questions, and try to give specific answers
 - Give practical examples
 - Don't rush, give some detail
 - But don't go on for too long
 - Don't ask 'Did this answer your question?'
- Thinking on your feet
- Avoid blagging if you do not know the answer to a question

After the interview

- Ask for feedback and reflect on it – regardless of the outcome