Mock interviews offer you an opportunity to practice, receive constructive suggestions, and optimize your potential for conducting a successful interview before the real thing!

**MOCK INTERVIEWS WILL HELP YOU** know what types of questions to expect and how to answer them effectively. This will naturally help you feel more comfortable and confident during real interviews.

**TO SET UP YOUR MOCK INTERVIEW:**
1. **Make an appointment.** Schedule your hour-long Mock Interview using our online scheduling system - [http://careers.uw.edu/About-Us/Online-Counselor-Scheduling](http://careers.uw.edu/About-Us/Online-Counselor-Scheduling)
2. **Decide what job or internship** you want your MI to focus on. (We also do MIs for Graduate School and Scholarship applications)
3. **Send copies** of the job/internship announcement/description and your resume to whichever counselor will be conducting your MI so we can use these to prepare realistic interview questions. (Send these at least 2 business days before your MI.)
4. If you have time to prepare for your MI, check out our Steps to a Successful Interview below.

**WHAT TO EXPECT DURING YOUR MOCK INTERVIEW:**
Your Mock Interview consists of two main activities. For the first 25-30 minutes, we will mimic a real interview: You will be in the role of an interviewee interviewing for a “real” job, and the counselor or peer advisor will be in the role of a “real” interviewer. After about a half hour, we’ll end the interview portion of your appointment and will then talk with you about it, identifying where you did well and offering tips and suggestions for how to do an even better interview!

**STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW:**
1. Listen to our online Successful Interviews workshop ([http://careers.uw.edu/Workshops](http://careers.uw.edu/Workshops)) or attend our in-person Successful Interviews workshop.
3. Complete the Career Guide exercises about how to identify your own skills and strengths.
4. Study the job announcement, especially noting required qualifications and skills.
5. Identify which of the job’s relevant skills and strengths you have and think of specific times when you’ve used these skills.
6. Research the company/organization and identify reasons why you would like to work for them.
7. Create possible interview questions and practice answering them (out loud).
8. To get the most out of your MI, prepare for it as you would prepare for the real thing.
9. For more interview tips, consider the “Interview Survival Kit” flash cards ($5 at the Center).

To schedule a mock interview, visit - [http://careers.uw.edu/About-Us/Online-Counselor-Scheduling](http://careers.uw.edu/About-Us/Online-Counselor-Scheduling)

**NOTE** – Due to limited counselor availability, we prefer that students not schedule more than two mock interviews within a four-week period.