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Below are a series of potential interview questions. The actual questions you are asked will vary based on the position you are applying for and the company needs. Be sure to use all the information you gathered from your research to anticipate additional questions.

Typical Interview Questions

- Tell me about yourself
- What is your greatest strength?
- What is your greatest weakness?
- What do you do in your spare time?
- How did you choose your major
- Why do you want to work here?
- Why should we hire you?

Earth Science Questions

- Can you read a topographic map?
- What kind of field work experience do you have?
- What types of projects have you worked on?
- Describe a challenging science problem you faced in college and how did you resolve it?

Engineering Questions

- What facet of engineering do most enjoy and why?
- What kinds of situations have you been in that required project planning?
- Tell me about a time when you came up with an innovative solution to a challenge at work or school. What was the challenge? What roles did others play?
- Describe a challenging engineering problem you faced in college and how did you resolve it?

**Interview Questions to Ask**

At the end of the Interview you will be asked if you have any questions. Always respond yes! Ideally these questions were formulated from your company research. To get you started here are some questions to ask the interviewer.

- What occurs in a typical work day?
- What do you see as the biggest priority for this position?
- What qualities are you looking for the person hired in this position to have?
- What opportunities are there for professional development/continuous improvement?
- What are the next steps in the hiring process?