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The interview, decoded from 44 MBA Protocol client debriefs



AT A GLANCE

Warm, student-led, behavioral

WHO INTERVIEWS

A second-year student

FORMAT

Mostly Zoom, sometimes
on campus

LENGTH

30 to 60 minutes, often
longer

YOUR FILE

Blind: your resume only

What to expect

A friendly second-year student explains the format, walks your resume, then covers why MBA, why Tuck and your goals before moving into story questions on feedback, conflict, accomplishment and helping others. Follow-ups are usually light, and most interviewers leave 10 to 20 minutes for your questions. You learn your interviewer's name only two hours ahead, so do your Tuck research early.

Questions to prepare

1. Walk me through your resume, and the why behind each decision.
2. Why Tuck?
3. Why an MBA, and why now?
4. What are your short-term and long-term goals?
5. Tell me about a time you received critical or difficult feedback.
6. What is your proudest or greatest accomplishment?
7. How will you contribute to the Tuck community?
8. Is there anything I didn't ask that you wish I had?
9. Tell me about a hard conversation or a time you gave difficult feedback.
10. Tell me about a conflict or disagreement, including with a manager.

CURVEBALL

Help with no payoff

Recent interviewers asked about helping someone with no benefit to you. Others went reflective: what have you changed your mind on lately, or what does community mean to you? And if you mention students you spoke with, expect to be asked who.

PREP TIPS

Feedback comes in pairs

Feedback is the signature Tuck theme, and some interviews ask for one you received and one you gave. Have both ready, with what you actually said and did.

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