

Fuqua

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The interview, decoded from 34 MBA Protocol client debriefs



AT A GLANCE **Warm, team-first, behavioral**

WHO INTERVIEWS

Mostly a second-year student

FORMAT

Mostly Zoom, campus is an option

LENGTH

45 to 60 minutes, plus your questions

SIGNATURE

What does Team Fuqua mean to you?

What to expect

Clients often call Fuqua the most relaxed interview of their season: a friendly get-to-know-you chat, usually with a second-year student, that still works through a long list of prompts on teams, diversity, conflict and failure. Follow-ups are common. Underneath the warmth, interviewers are gauging how seriously you want Fuqua, and most hold 5 to 15 minutes at the end for your questions.

Questions to prepare

1. Why Fuqua?
2. Tell me about yourself, or walk me through your resume.
3. Why an MBA, and why now?
4. What are your short-term and long-term career goals?
5. Tell me about your experience working on a diverse team.
6. How will you contribute to Fuqua? Which clubs or resources?
7. What does Team Fuqua mean to you?
8. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
9. What is your leadership style?
10. Tell me about a conflict on a team or with a superior.

CURVEBALL

The plan B question

"If Fuqua doesn't work out, what will you do?" and "If you're admitted everywhere, how will you choose?" come up regularly. It is a commitment test, so stay calm and keep Fuqua first. Others asked how you'd handle conflict in your learning team.

PREP TIPS

Know Team Fuqua and DQ

Have a real story behind what Team Fuqua means to you. Some interviewers also asked what the Decency Quotient means, then for an example, so read the school's definition.

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