

The interview, decoded from real client reports



AT A GLANCE **Brisk, practical, yield-aware**

WHO INTERVIEWS

A student, alum or adcom member

FORMAT

Mostly virtual, one-on-one

LENGTH

About 30 minutes

ALSO

Questions about your other schools

What to expect

McDonough interviews are short and structured, moving quickly through a set list with few follow-ups. Expect your story, your goals with a Plan B and why Georgetown, then a few behavioral prompts on feedback, conflict and your role on a team. Practical fit questions are common: whether you are ready for the quant rigor and where else you are applying. Tone depends on the interviewer, from warm and encouraging to distant.

Questions to prepare

1. Tell me about yourself, or walk me through your resume.
2. What are your short-term and long-term goals?
3. Why Georgetown, and how will McDonough help you reach your goals?
4. Tell me about feedback or criticism you received and how you handled it.
5. Why an MBA, and why now?
6. Are you prepared for the quant rigor? How have you kept your skills sharp?
7. Where else are you applying, and what will your decision come down to?
8. What is your Plan B if your short-term goal doesn't work out?
9. How do you deal with conflict, or someone you didn't get along with?
10. What role do you fill on a team?

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The yield check

Interviewers have asked point-blank: does our school have any competition, what will your final decision come down to, and do you foresee any barriers to matriculating? Have a sincere, specific answer ready.

PREP TIPS

Don't read a flat interviewer

Some alumni interviewers have been cold or rushed, reading multi-part questions fast. Keep answers crisp, ask for a repeat if you miss part of one, and don't take the tone as a verdict.

FROM INTERVIEW HERO

Answer the yield question gracefully

Georgetown asks directly about your other schools. Interview Hero's chapter on point-blank questions shows how to answer with conviction about McDonough while graciously avoiding comparisons.

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