

The interview, decoded from real client reports



AT A GLANCE **Focused, pointed, file-aware**

WHO INTERVIEWS

Faculty, senior staff or an industry adviser

FORMAT

Virtual, or in person on a set day

LENGTH

Set for 30 minutes, can run longer

YOUR FILE

Read closely, supporting statement included

What to expect

Oxford interviews are compact and focused: a short list of pointed questions from someone who knows your application well. Expect why Oxford, a resume walk, your goals and what you will bring to the class. Goals questions have a practical edge: where you will work, what your profile may still lack after the MBA, and how you will finance it. The tone is professional, sometimes stiff at first, and warms up by the end.

Questions to prepare

1. Why Oxford? Not what makes us unique, but why you would choose us.
2. What are your post-MBA goals, and where and in what role?
3. Walk me through your resume, or tell me about your current role.
4. What will you bring to the MBA class and community?
5. What do you want to get out of the program? Which electives or topics?
6. Even with the MBA, what might your profile still be missing for your goal?
7. How will you finance your MBA? What scholarships have you applied for?
8. How has your upbringing shaped your career path?
9. What accomplishment are you most proud of?
10. What concerns you about our school that I can help clarify?

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Your target, challenged

Interviewers may question the employers you target and ask how you judge whether a company lives up to its claims. Be ready to defend the choices in your file.

PREP TIPS

Make why Oxford personal

Interviewers have asked for the personal-development reason, beyond professional fit. Specific references to professors, courses, labs and clubs have landed well.

FROM INTERVIEW HERO Why you, why here



Oxford interviewers want your personal reason for choosing the school, not a brochure. Interview Hero's chapter on why questions, built on being "human capital greedy," helps you find an answer with real roots.

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