



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – GENERAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

POST-APPLICATION: INTERVIEW NOTES

PRESENTATION:

- No materials need to be brought to the interview.
- Present yourself in the best possible light: Dress smart casual, be neat and tidy.
- Treat this interview professionally.
- Don't use slang.
- Be informed of where you want to go and why studying there will be helpful for your personal, academic and career goals.
- Please note that this interview is an integral part of the selection process so please make every effort to present yourself there. There will be no alternative forms of interview conducted if you can't attend it (i.e.: no Skype or Telephonic interview will be allowed).
- Be on time.
- Be patient: Interviews may exceed the allocated time so please stay in the waiting room until someone tells you otherwise.
- For PG students, please ensure that the Exchanges Officer has all your transcripts from previous institutions if applicable.

DURING THE INTERVIEW:

- For the interview, you need to know what your personal, academic and career goals are. Show the committee how an exchange opportunity can assist you in realizing them.
- The committee will ask you if you have any questions for them. Should you wish to ask them a question, please keep in mind we are frequently asked the questions below. We have given you the answers now so please don't ask them these or similar questions as we are working to a strict time line during the interviews and you can ask the Exchanges Officer about it offline:
 - How many students apply for exchange? **It varies every year but generally around 60 students apply.**
 - How many students are awarded on exchange? **We have enough spaces for all students deemed appropriate for exchange by the committee. Filling these spaces will therefore depend on the quality of your interview and on your application (motivation).**
 - How long will I wait to have an answer? **You will have to wait one week to hear back from the International Office- the Exchanges Officer will email you. If you have not received feedback, you may contact the Exchanges Officer once one week has passed since the interview date.**
 - Will I get my preferred institution? **Your preferred institutions are favoured but we cannot guarantee that you will go to these institutions.**
 - Who is a part of the committee? **The committee is made up of academic representatives from each faculty.**

AFTER THE INTERVIEW

- You will be advised of the outcome of the interview within two days.
- If you aren't accepted, please contact the Exchanges Officer to find out about other opportunities that may exist for you.
You can also find more information on <http://www.iapo.uct.ac.za/iapo/intexchange>
- Appeal: Please note that the committee's decision is final and no appeal request will be entertained.

It is important to know that going on exchange is a very prestigious award. You will represent the University of Cape Town and South Africa abroad and you will have to do this in the best possible light.