

What to do before your Immersion:

Contact your host to set up a date and time for your Career Immersion Day

- You will be given both phone number and email address
- Your host will have prior knowledge of the program and expectations
- Ask questions about expectations of you
 - What should you wear?
 - Is there anything they would like you to bring?
 - What will you be doing that day?
 - Are there any special instructions for parking?
 - Where will you meet?
 - When should you arrive and how many hours will you stay?

Prepare for your professional inquiry interview of your host

- The professional inquiry interview consists of the student preparing a set of interview questions to ask his or her host. Here are some sample questions to get you started (but you may ask what you like):
 - What is your educational background?
 - Describe a typical day in your position
 - What are your primary responsibilities?
 - What type of work schedule is common in this field?
 - What is a typical entry-level position in this field?
 - What skills and experiences will I need to break into the field?
 - What is the current outlook for new graduates in this field?
 - What salary and benefits can I expect?
 - How do people find out about jobs in this field?
 - What do you see happening to your profession in the next 5-10 years?
- If you have never conducted an interview before, practice on a friend or relative
- Decide how you will record answers – tape recorder? Hand written notes?

Prepare for your mock interview

- Be sure you have an updated version of your resume to show your host
- The mock job interview will be conducted by the host, and will be conducted as closely as possible to a real interview with that company. Prepare by considering some common interview questions. Some examples are:
 - Tell me about yourself – this is a common yet difficult question! Have a one-minute commercial that summarizes your academic and professional experience
 - What are your weaknesses?
 - What are some of the greatest challenges you faced in your last job?
 - Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
 - Why do you want to work here?
 - How do you work as part of a team?
 - Tell me about your ability to work under pressure
 - Tell me about a successful idea/event/project at your previous job