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HST 590: Interviewing

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Take 5-7 minutes to write a short summary of the kind of person(s) who you want as a colleague(s).

- How do they work in the lab?
- How do they work with others?
- What do they bring to a department?
- What characteristics about that person resemble you?
- What characteristics are different than you?
- What makes you feel uneasy in colleagues?

What defines success as an academic in the field of 'biomedical engineering'?

Following the mock interview and discussion, pair up with 2 other students.

- First student asks questions
- Second student answers question
- Third student provides “sayback”

You have 30 minutes to interview each other.
= 10 minutes for each student

Objectives

Interviewer

- Select +/- 5 key questions
- What are those key questions?

Interviewee

- Try to answer questions as concisely and accurately as possible

Sayback

- After interviewee answers question, repeat his/her answer **as you heard it**

Save discussion to the end, so everyone has a chance to answer questions.