Department of Mining Engineering

Interview Tips

“We turn out you are the number one candidate.”

We’ve heard it a million times. The “why should we hire you” or the “what are your weaknesses” questions. We sweat over them before the interview and recite memorized lines when the moment finally comes. But sometimes we forget that job interviews can be as simple as making a new friend. Just be prepared and be yourself.

As the Science and Engineering Career Fair begins on Sept. 22, and with companies interviewing throughout the week, it’s time to update resumes, change the profile picture of you with your grandma on LinkedIn, and prepare for the interview. Managers often say they know if they are going to hire you within the first 60 seconds of the interview. Let your personality shine through. Look your future manager in the eye. Smile! Because if you mumble your first sentences and stare at the ground, you better have something else up your sleeve.

End well. They will most likely ask if you have any questions, so make sure you have one. Here are some examples:

• What would a typical day look like for me?
• What is the culture like?
• What do you like about working at this company?

DO NOT ask about time off or health care or the 401K. More often than not, the person interviewing you will be your future manager. They don’t want to talk about your 401K. Once you get the job offer, ask those questions as you decide whether to take the job or not.

Lastly, show how excited you are to work for the company. Whether the job is for Rio Tinto, the BLM, or McDonald’s, show that this company is the only company you want to work for. Otherwise, all they will see is a desperate student looking for any company that will take them. Because, surprise! They already know you’re desperate. That’s why you’re applying for a job in the first place.

Sincerely,
The SME Presidency

Announcements

- Sign up in Pam’s office for the Newmont Info session on Monday, September 21 (Next Week!)

- Career Fair on Tuesday, September 22. Be sure to download the “Utah Career Fair Plus” app

- John Reeves/Mining Museum Trip on September 25 - 26

- There are still openings to interview with Bowie Resources this Thursday and Friday. Sign up online.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

My name is Doug Weyher. I was born and raised in Salt Lake City. After high school I moved to Socorro, New Mexico to study Mineral Engineering at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. In 2003 I transferred to the U to continue my education in Mining Engineering. I have worked for my family business Terra Engineering and Construction, LLC. Our work is chiefly focused on industrial plant construction, and I have varied project experience including wastewater treatment, bridge, tunnel, and mining construction. The University of Utah has influenced me greatly throughout my life. Three of my grandparents graduated from the U, one in Mining Engineering. Both of my parents graduated from the U. I also met my wife of five years at the U. I have found a home within the Mining Engineering Department but have also had an opportunity to work with other excellent professors in the College of Mines and Earth Science. In 2006 I joined Dr. Erich Petersen of the Geology & Geophysics Department on a trip with the Society of Economic Geologists to Chile’s Atacama Desert where I gained valuable experience touring surface and underground copper mines. In 2007 I took a break from school and joined my wife in San Francisco as she finished her DDS at the University of California, San Francisco. Following her graduation we moved to Ketchikan, Alaska were she worked for the Ketchikan Indian Community as a Staff Dentist and I worked for R&M Engineering, Inc. as an Engineering and Surveying Technician. We moved back to Utah in 2014 and I began attending classes again at the U. I plan on graduating with my undergraduate in the spring 2016 and starting graduate work in Mining Engineering in fall 2016.

My name is Kaitlin Frary and I am a senior in the program. Over the summer I interned at Bowie Resource’s SUFCo Mine working with their permitting and reclamation group. I did a lot of pond monitoring and worked on a few mitigation projects. I enjoy snowboarding, playing soccer and traveling. My dream job would give me the opportunity to work in other countries.

SAFETY COMMITTEE WEEKLY

Lift like a baby! Apparently proper lifting techniques are instinctive in the human race, but as we’ve grown up we have developed bad habits that tweak our backs and make us miss class. The next time your sister makes you babysit her kids pay attention to how they bend at the knees when lifting an object, keep their backs straight, hold the load close to their body, and always demand help if the object is too heavy. Keep these tips in mind and avoid unnecessary injuries.

Feel free to send any safety suggestions and observed hazards our way:

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WELCOME BACK LUNCH - PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRENTON MUMFORD
LAST WEEK’S EVENTS

Maddi Tapp, department career coach, spoke to the members of the U’s Women in Mining student on Wednesday. She discussed the most effective way to use LinkedIn along with the upcoming career fair.

The Department Safety Committee met Wednesday night and discussed upcoming projects. New members are still welcome to join.

Dr. Raja Ramani, our ABET reviewer, met with students on Monday and talked about the program and how to make it better.