Common Graduate Admission Interview Questions

* Why are you interested in our program?
* What do you know about our program?
* What are your career goals?
* Why did you choose a career in psychology?
* What are your research interests? Describe your research experience.
* What are your research strengths and weaknesses?
* What are your academic strengths? What was your favorite course and why?
* What do you like best about yourself?
* Who would you like to work with? Why?
* Describe the accomplishments of which you’re most proud.
* If you were to begin a research project now, what would the topic be?
* Describe your theoretical orientation.
* Discuss your experiences in clinical settings. Evaluate your clinical abilities. What are your strengths and weaknesses?
* Tell us about yourself.
* How would your professors describe you?
* How will you be able to make a contribution to this field? How do you hope to contribute?
* What are your hobbies?
* Describe your greatest academic accomplishment? Personal?
* Tell me about your experience in psychology thus far. What is the most challenging aspect? What is the most rewarding?
* What are your career goals? How will this program help you achieve your goals?
* How do you intend to finance your education?
* What skills do you bring to the program? How will you help your mentor in his or her research?
* Are you motivated? Explain and provide examples. What do you plan to specialize in? Why?
* If you’re not accepted into graduate school, what are your plans?
* Why did you choose this career?
* Why did you choose to apply to our program?
* What other schools are you considering?
* In what ways have your previous experience prepared you for graduate study in our program?
* What do you believe your greatest challenge will be if you are accepted into this program?
* What courses did you enjoy the most? The Least? Why?

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