OVERVIEW

The consulting interview process consists of two parts: the personal experience interview and the business case portion. The personal experience interview consists of a “get to know” conversation including questions about your resume, motivations to become a consultant, strengths, experiences working in teams, and many other possible scenarios. The case portion of the interview consists of the interviewer presenting a business problem, often one the consultant has actually faced, to consider.

During the case portion (often 75% of a 30 minute to 1 hour interview) interviewees are expected to logically, creatively, and in a structured manner describe how they would approach the problem. While problem solving and the ability to present logical arguments and hypotheses are skills that all Brown students learn, the ability to think on the spot and coherently address issues relevant to businesses takes practice.

There are a few general suggestions from alumni to consider when preparing for the interview:
1) Do not neglect preparing for the personal interview section of the interview. While performing well on the case is a necessary component of getting a job, it is not a sufficient criteria. Interviewees should come prepared to answer the commonly asked interview questions with stories that demonstrate the interviewee’s key abilities and achievements.
2) When interviews come, there are often up to five in one day so be prepared to spend many hours each week for the months preceding interviews practicing and building stamina. A benchmark is to practice cases with a partner (NEVER ALONE) 3-5 times per week for two months before interviews.
3) When applying for firms, remember that consulting jobs are very difficult to land. However, with enough determination, enough preparation, enough networking with companies, and by spreading your job search net wide you will be able to enter this exciting industry.

To get started, the CareerLAB has secured a subscription for all Brown University students and alums to Marc Cosentino’s Case Questions Five Hour Training. Please keep in mind that the Five Hour Training is only a starting point. We recommend viewing videos on youtube for tips on how to succeed in a case interview and practicing with a case partner. Some examples of videos are available on our consulting resources page.

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Consulting Case Interview Resources

CAREERLAB WEBSITE

- Vault Case Interview & Resume Guides
  - [http://www.brown.edu/campus-life/support/careerlab/Vault](http://www.brown.edu/campus-life/support/careerlab/Vault)
  - Vault Guide to the Case Interview
  - Vault Case Interview Practice Guide: More Sample Cases
  - Vault Case Interview Practice Guide 2: More Sample Cases
- CareerLAB Consulting Resources
  - Full page of resources and events: [http://tinyurl.com/brownconsulting](http://tinyurl.com/brownconsulting)
  - Google Hangout On Air: Consulting – the Basics from Brown Alums: [https://plus.google.com/u/0/events/cjktb40ebqcdh8q749bmdfnqkk18o](https://plus.google.com/u/0/events/cjktb40ebqcdh8q749bmdfnqkk18o)

RESOURCES – INFORMATION, INTERVIEW PROCESS AND PREPARATION

- Management Consulted
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- Case in Point Book by Marc P. Cosentino
  [http://www.amazon.com/Case-Point-Complete-Interview-Preparation/dp/09710156864/ref=la_B004156BXK_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1358871833&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Case-Point-Complete-Interview-Preparation/dp/09710156864/ref=la_B004156BXK_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1358871833&sr=1-1)
- CaseInterview.com
  [www.caseinterview.com](http://www.caseinterview.com)
- Consulting Magazine
- Bain & Company
- Boston Consulting Group (BCG)
- McKinsey & Company
- CSMG

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