



SUMMARY

CICASP Seminar in Science Communication #125*

Career development tools #3 (Part 2): Mock Interviews

5PM-, Wednesday, March 25, 2020 (**PRI Large Conference Room**)

To cap off the latest series of seminars and workshops on career development tools, we held mock interviews for science-related jobs. We set up interview stations for academic jobs, NGO jobs, and government agency jobs, each of which was staffed by guest interviewers. We started by reading recent examples of position advertisements in wildlife science to get in the right mindset. The workshop participants then practiced answering common questions at each station and received feedback from the interviewers afterwards.

Some of the main recommendations from the guest interviewers were: (1) project a sense of **confidence** during interviews; (2) don't just talk about the science you do, and remember to **introduce yourself as a scientist/person**; (3) answer questions **directly and concisely**; (4) think of the **punch lines** (to advertise yourself) and **questions to ask** to the interviewers (to show your serious interest) before coming to an interview.



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