TWENTY QUESTIONS

SUBJECT: Interviewing
TWENTY INTERVIEWING QUESTIONS

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1. Describe an occasion where an idea you had was met with enthusiasm in a work setting.
2. Tell me about yourself?
3. What are your career goals?
4. How would you describe your work style?
5. Name several key concepts and or techniques that all food scientist must know?
6. What have you learned from your past jobs that are related to food science and technology?
7. What is a recent skill that you have learned to apply, and in what setting?
8. Tell me about a mistake that you have made in the past and something you learned from it?
9. What attracted you to this major?
10. What have you done to improve your communication skills in the last year?
11. Tell me about a time when you had to organize a project under a tight deadline.
12. Tell me about the worst boss you ever had.
13. Why should I hire you?
14. Describe the last time you used teamwork to solve a problem?
15. What rewards are most important to you on the job?
16. What are 3 weaknesses? Provide an example of how you have improved on these weaknesses.
17. What is an accomplishment or achievement that you are proud of?
18. Do you prefer to complete a project individually or on a team?

Please provide an example.
19. If you could be any kind of cereal what would you be and why?
5. What is the one thing we should know about you before you leave today?
QUESTIONS TO ASK

✓ What are the qualifications of individuals who have excelled in this position?

✓ What type of person are you seeking?

✓ Can I progress at my own pace or is there a structured training program?

✓ What would a normal working day be like?
‘CLOSING’ THE INTERVIEW 1,2,3

1. Find out the next step and timeline

2. Deliver one last positive job-related statement

3. Thank them for their time
STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

15 Minute Walk-In, M-F, 1-4

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“My short-term goal is to bluff my way through this job interview. My long-term goal is to invent a time machine so I can come back and change everything I’ve said so far.”

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