

## UROP Interview Questions

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Question	Answer
1. Where are you from?	
2. Why did you choose to come to MIT? What year are you?	
3. What biology related courses have you taken at MIT and what was your favorite?	
4. Do you have any lab experience? If so what kind of techniques have you learned.	
5. Why do you want to work in a lab or do research? How might this experience benefit your future?	
6. What are your future interests, career goals? Why/how did you decide?	
7. What interests you most about this field of biology? Why is it an important field of research?	
8. Have you ever worked in a group or team environment? What skills are important when working in a group?	
9. When working on your own do you prefer to solve problems or ask for help?	
10. Are you involved in any extracurricular activities, volunteer etc? If so, for how many hours a week?	
11. Can you work at least 12 hours per week during the semester?	
12. Would you expect/like to continue during the summer or next semester?	

## Interviewer Comments

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### Some expectations for a UROP student

1. Committed to work a specific number of hours per week. These hours should be scheduled with the mentors.
  - 12 units minimum during term time, more if you are taking 7.18
  - full time over the summer (35-40 hours per week) with a vacation break at the start or end of the summer.
2. Schedule weekly meetings with immediate mentor in the lab, and at least once per semester with the PI. At least 1 three-way meeting should be scheduled with the PI, mentor and UROP.
3. Maintain a well-organized lab notebook that anyone can understand.
4. Present work using Power Point at a lab meeting near the end of the term/summer.
5. Participate in weekly lab meetings and journal club, try to ask at least one question during these meetings. Need to organize your schedule to attend lab meetings.
6. Read and be able to explain 2 scientific papers related to the work you are doing in the lab, do this one on one with mentor.
7. Can't do a UROP at the same time as 702 (not enough time), but can join lab the term after.

*This questionnaire was created by Jennifer Gutzman and Amanda Dickinson, postdocs in the Sive lab.*