



Advisor Interview Questions

Before you decide on your advisors it is a good idea to “interview” a few potential candidates to see which ones fit your needs the best. Below are a few key questions to ask a potential advisor. You will want to find one technical advisor and one non-technical advisor, but you will need to make sure that those advisors will be willing to work together with your team. To save on time, you may want to divide up the advisor interviews amongst your team members.

1. What is your area of expertise? Do you feel that is compatible with the project we want to pursue?
2. How many hours per month will you be willing to meet with our team from September to March? What times would you be available to meet with our team? (Take your teams available times from the Self/Team Member Questionnaire to compare with the advisors times)
3. What is the best way to get in contact with you? (phone, email, office hours, etc.) (Write down the specific Information for future reference)
4. (Technical Advisor only) Do you have adequate laboratory space and equipment available for our team to work? Where would this lab be located? How many hours per week would we be able to work in this lab space? Are you willing to go over the lab safety procedures with us before we begin our project?
5. Will you be available to sign off on our research notebook, all written assignments, and all budget request items?
6. Will you be willing to give us advice on research methods / marketing ideas for our project?
7. Would you be willing to meet with the other advisor and our team from time to time to coordinate our efforts?
8. Have you advised a team in the past? If so, tell me about your experience.
9. Would you be willing to attend the Awards Ceremony Dinner in Indianapolis on March 9, 2010 with our team at the end of this project? The ISA/ICMC will expect you to attend.
10. What percentage of the Intellectual Properties Rights would you expect to receive?