

Honors Summer Shadow Experience

Advice from Former SASHP Shadowers

“Don’t be afraid to ask questions!”

“Don’t panic about preparing yourself too much for the experience; have nothing more than a few questions you’d like answered and an open mind, and you will have a great time.”

“[C]ome prepared with lots of different questions to ask, maybe 20-30. It is really useful and helps you maximize the shadowing experience.”

“Research the organization and the roles that you will be shadowing.”

“Ask as many questions as possible, prepare great questions in advance, look into the person you are shadowing, and be prepared to discuss particular topics.”

“This experience is very much what you make of it. Be sure you are prepared with questions and other topics to discuss with your alumnus.”

“Prepare ahead of time what you are looking to get out of the experience with specific goals.”

“Definitely be prepared with lots of questions!...Because I typed and printed [questions] to bring on the day of, I was able to get a lot more out of our conversation. Also, make sure to utilize the opportunities you have to talk to the team...”

“Pay attention to key details mentioned at the start of the day, since understanding the organization and structure of this agency will assist you greatly for the rest of the day.”

“Read up on [field-related] policy developments...”

“Make sure to research the company some before the Preview Day, but expect to come up with most of your questions as you learn new things...Do not stress about preparing too much because the whole day is structured as an engaging learning experience.”

