HUMAN RESOURCES INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
(Can be used for various types of positions)

1. Why do you feel that this position is a good position for you?
2. Describe how your past experiences have prepared you for the job for which you are applying.
3. Tell us about your preferred work environment.
4. Have you ever been told you could not implement a great idea that you had? How did you react? What did you do?
5. How would you characterize your level of computer literacy?
6. How do you go about organizing your work each day?
7. What do you dislike most about your current job?
8. What is your favorite part of your current job and why is it your favorite?
9. Where would this position fit into your career development goals?
10. What qualities or experiences make you the best candidate for this position?
11. Tell us a little more about your professional experiences, particularly those not mentioned on your resume.
12. What are the three college courses that best prepared you for your current job?
13. What is the best method to achieve the primary goals of this position?
14. Describe two or three major trends in your profession today.
15. On the basis of the information you have received so far, what do you see as the major challenges of this position and how would you meet them?
16. Describe a situation in which you did “all the right things” and were still unsuccessful. What did you learn from the experience?
17. Discuss the committees on which you have served and the impact of these committees on the organization where you currently work.
18. Why did you choose this profession/field?
19. What new skills have you learned over the past year?
20. Think about an instance when you were given an assignment that you thought you would not be able to complete. How did you accomplish the assignment?
21. Describe the best boss and the worst boss you have ever had.
22. Describe your ideal job.
23. What would your work colleagues say about you?
24. Can you describe how you go about solving problems? Please give us some examples.

25. What is the biggest conflict you have ever been involved in at work? How did you handle that situation?

26. What new programs or services would you start if offered this position?

27. Please share with us your philosophy about customer service in an academic environment and give us some examples of service that would illustrate your views.

28. Tell us how you would learn your new job in the absence of a formal training program.

29. Think about a coworker from the present or past whom you admire. Why?

30. What are the characteristics that you prize most in an employee? What behaviors or characteristics do you find intolerable?

31. Can you share with us your ideas regarding professional development?

32. Describe some basic steps you would take in order to implement a new program.

33. What are one or two of your proudest professional accomplishments?

34. Do you have any knowledge of the unique role of this department?

35. How do you feel about diversity in the workplace? Give us some examples of your efforts to promote diversity.

36. Please tell us what you think are the most important elements of this position.

37. Describe your volunteer experiences in community-based organizations.

38. What professional associations do you belong to and how involved in them are you?

39. What experiences or skills will help you manage projects?

40. Tell us how you use/would use technology in your day-to-day job.

41. In what professional development activities have you been involved over the past few years?

42. What volunteer or social activities have helped you develop professional skills?

43. What things have you done on your own initiative to help you prepare for your next job?

44. Do you have any concerns that would make you have reservations about accepting this position if it is offered to you?

45. What do you think most uniquely qualifies you for this position?

46. Do you have any additional information that you would like to share with us?

47. Do you have any questions for us?