The Haas Public Service Leaders Program aims to provide need-based scholarships and support to undergraduates who have demonstrated a significant commitment to off-campus service. The online application and resume help the Public Service Center see the applicant’s ideas and qualifications but, to help us learn more about the applicant’s project and the strategies for accomplishing the project’s work, part of the selection process is a group interview.

The interview will consist of approximately five to eight applicants being interviewed by a three to five person panel for an approximately 45 minutes. To prepare for the interview, applicants should consider the following elements:

- **Elevator Pitch.** Applicants will be given one minute to pitch their project proposal. To prepare, applicants should outline their project’s purpose, target population, intended outcome, and how they plan to engage UC Berkeley students in the community. They should then practice their pitch with a friend or in front of a mirror. By practicing their pitch, applicants can demonstrate their knowledge and passion for the project in the allotted time.

- **Partnerships.** Applicants will be asked to discuss the resources and partnerships required to complete their service project. To prepare, applicants should be aware of organizations that are working on the similar issue or working with similar populations. Applicants should demonstrate knowledge of those organizations and be able to identify opportunities to collaborate.

- **Social Justice Value of Proposal.** Applicants may be asked to explain how their target population will benefit from their service project. To prepare, applicants should identify a specific social injustice, how that injustice manifests within the community, and how their project will combat it. By preparing answers to these questions, applicants can demonstrate their vision and the social impact their project will have to their chosen community.

- **Feasibility of Proposal.** Applicants may receive follow up questions about how feasible the service project is. To prepare, applicants should identify potential challenges that may come up during their service project and propose appropriate solutions. By considering multiple challenges before hand, applicants can address concerns about feasibility in greater detail than the one-minute elevator pitch.
There is no single, correct response to these questions, but thinking about these topics beforehand can help applicants prepare answers that help the Public Service Center understand the feasibility of the proposed service project despite time constraints.

To help applicants learn more about interviews strategies that can help them prepare for their interview with the Public Service Center, we encourage them to visit career.berkeley.edu/Tools/Interviewing and read the section titled *Interviewing and Job Offers*.

If you have any further questions about the program, please email haasleaders@berkeley.edu.