

The Practice of Science Winter 2008

Interviewing Graduate Students and Postdocs

Please compose a written report of the interview, 2-5 pages, to be handed in next Thursday, January 17th. The report should be submitted electronically in PDF format to awsch@physics.ucsb.edu , fiona@cnsi.ucsb.edu, ealucero@physics.ucsb.edu

The written report should cover the following points:

1. What did you learn about the person's academic background?
2. What did you find out about their motivation and personal perspective?
3. What did you find out about their career goals/interests?
4. What has been important to them in getting this far?
5. What difficulties have they encountered, and how did they handle them?
6. Did you find out the information you originally wanted from the interview? If not, please explain and suggest what other questions you might have asked.