



# OXFORD GEOGRAPHY INTERVIEW TIPS

## TUTORS WANT TO SEE YOUR THOUGHT PROCESS!

So don't worry about what your answer is to questions – justification is key. Talk about your favourite topics, always linking back to their question.

## WATCH OR READ THE NEWS

Checking a news app for 5 mins a day can really help expand your geog knowledge and tutors are likely to ask questions about current events. Even if they don't, it's great to demonstrate that you're up to date.

## RE-READ YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

You probably wrote your UCAS application months before your interview, so check it over just before. Also, re-read any texts you mention in it, since you could be asked about them.

Some tutors like to ask you about their specialism (e.g., climate change, feminist geogs, etc.) so it's always worth researching them before the interview!

## PREDICT WHAT Qs THEY COULD ASK

Whilst we don't recommend trying to mind read, look over the news/your personal statement/application and guess what questions they might ask. Write them down and get someone to ask you them to practice.

## DON'T BE INTIMIDATED

Tutors want you to do well at interview – you were carefully selected because they think you could thrive at Oxford. So, try not to over-analyse your interview once it's over.



# PRACTICE INTERVIEW Qs

These are questions which we've come up with to help you prepare! Feel free to reach out on socials (@oxgeogsoc) if you need more advice :)

**1**

The World Cup was held in Qatar in 2022. How are the issues surrounding the World Cup and its controversies geographical in nature? Should geographers be paying attention to the World Cup?

**2**

What negative impacts did the COVID-19 pandemic have on the environment? How could you argue that COVID 19 was actually good for the environment?

**3**

Why, in your opinion, is it important for feminist geographers to use the scale of the body in their research? What methodologies might they use?

**4**

Give an example from your own life/the place where you live of why it is important for geographers to study climate change at the local, national and global scale.

**5**

What evidence do you think there is to support the claim that we are undergoing a 'biodiversity crisis' at present? Are geographers overreacting?

**6**

Why have scientists declared that we now live in the Anthropocene?

**7**

The COP27 conference was held in Egypt in 2022. Do you think that it is right for developing countries to host climate change conferences when developed countries have caused the most environmental damage? Why?

**8**

Which is more important: the pen, the laptop or the iPad? Explain your reasoning.