Preparing for a Virtual Eagle Engagements Group Interview

Purpose

The goal of the AU Eagle Engagements Group Interview is to allow you the opportunity to connect with your American University regional representative, express sincere interest in AU, and get your questions answered.

What to Expect

Eagle Engagements are non-evaluative and conversational in nature. We would like to get to know you as a prospective student, as well as provide you with a small group setting that allows you to learn more about American University as it relates to your future goals. These 45-minute interviews will be capped at five students. You can expect that you will be asked questions about your academic interests, personality, extracurricular involvement, personal interests, what you are looking for in your college search, and how you found AU.

How to Prepare

These tips can help you prepare for an Eagle Engagement that will be productive and useful:

- **Find a quiet space.** Active participation is required as part of these Eagle Engagements, so please try and find a space that is as free from distractions as possible. We recommend testing your video and audio prior to the start of the interview. You can use a computer or phone to join the interview. If high speed internet is unavailable, please use the call-in option that will be included with the event link, which can be done on a cell phone or landline.

- **Be on time.** There are typically other interviews being conducted before and after your group’s appointment time, so logging on promptly is much appreciated. If you are running late, please contact your interviewer by email (contact information will be in your confirmation email). If you are no longer able to attend the interview, please contact your interviewer as soon as possible so another student may take your appointment time.

- **Come prepared with questions and answers.** We want to get to know you, so be prepared to talk about yourself! Before the interview, think about what questions you may have that are not answered on the AU website. This is your time to ask as many questions as you would like. Coming equipped with questions on AU and the admissions process will help you get the most out of your interview.

- **Dress Appropriately.** You do not need to be dressed in a full suit and tie and/or blazer. Think of your Eagle Engagement as a presentation you are giving to your classmates for a class. You would not be dressing in a t-shirt and sweatpants/shorts and for a presentation; so please do not dress casually for your interview. Dress should be business casual. Although these interviews are virtual, it is best to be prepared in the event that you need to stand up for any reason!

- **Don’t stress.** We often tell students that there really is no wrong answer. The interview is meant to be conversational, so there is no reason to be nervous. We are friendly and eager to get to know you and help you learn more about our wonderful school. Just be yourself!