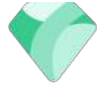




# Preparing for Superday

Investment Banking Guidance



# What's a Superday?

- It's your chance to meet actual bankers from the company!
- Generally, Superday is the final stage of your application 🎉
- You'll typically meet three to six bankers (usually 1:1 or 2:1) over the course of two or more hours.
  - Sometimes, Superday will actually be two days, with a networking event before your interview.
- This is your chance to get to know the bank and the employees — and find your fit.
- After the Superday, the bankers get together to decide who to extend offers to.
- It isn't rocket science ... try to relax, be yourself, and enjoy it.





# What's the aim at a Superday?

## From your perspective

Get an offer!

To achieve this, be authentic, curious, and passionate.

The aim isn't:

- To try to fit a mold of what you think the employer is looking for

## From the bank's perspective

Find the right "fit."

To find this, they look for authenticity, curiosity, and passion.

The aim isn't:

- To determine whether you're "good enough" — you already are (that's why you're going to the Superday) 🎉
- To trick you on technical questions

# How to Prepare for Superday



# 1. Know Your Story

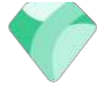
You will be asked to tell your story (likely multiple times) at a Superday.

Make sure you prepare it! You may be asked this in various ways (talk me through your resume/tell me about yourself).

*This is an exceptional opportunity to stand out.*

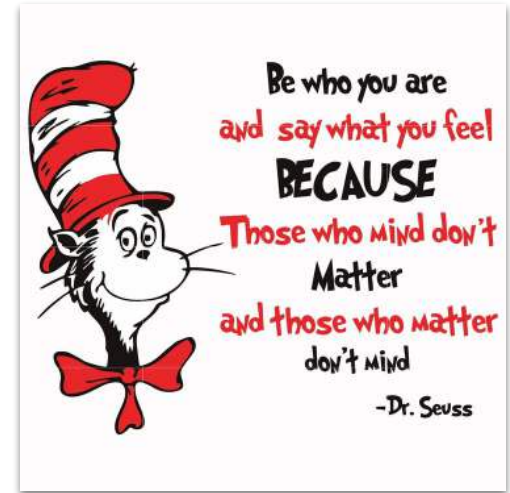
How to prepare a story that truly stands out (and is specific, curious, and passionate):

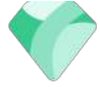
- Introduce yourself.
- What sparked your interest in finance? (Be specific.)
- How did you validate your interest in finance? (Be specific, curious, and passionate.)
  - **Hint:** You've been building skills on Forage. What did you do, what did you learn, and how did it influence your interest?
- Why do you love this particular bank and team? (Be specific and passionate.)
  - **Hint:** People want to hire someone who wants to work at their bank, not a bank like theirs.



## 2. Be Yourself

- It's hard, but push back against that voice telling you to say what you think your interviewer wants to hear.
- The best candidates are the ones who are honest with themselves and their interviewers.
- Reminder: The bank is looking for the right "fit." This means they're looking for authenticity, curiosity, and passion.
- A strong connection with one or two interviewers is more valuable than an OK connection with six.





## 3. Prepare for Technical Questions (But Don't Sweat It)

- Bankers aren't looking for technical perfection.
- Bankers are looking for understanding of core concepts and curiosity to learn more.
- Bankers want to see your thought process, so be sure to walk them through how you're solving each problem.
- Don't be afraid to ask clarifying questions if you need to.
- Remember, you are good enough! You've already proved this during the application review and HireVue interview.
- Review [common investment banking interview questions](#) and how to answer [technical interview questions](#).





## 4. Know Deals, Markets, and Companies

- Familiarize yourself with a deal the bank has worked on recently.
- Familiarize yourself with the work you've done on Forage! This is a great reflection of the work the bank does.
- If you've worked on a deal in the past, give yourself a refresher about it. It's not an issue if you don't have this experience.
- Be curious about 1-2 deals, companies, and markets.
  - What gets you excited?
  - How big is it?
  - What are the key trends/drivers?
  - Who are the competitors?
  - What's your perspective on it and why?







## 5. Share Your Personality

- Familiarize yourself with behavioral questions — we've listed many of them [here](#).
- Utilize the [STAR method](#) when answering these questions.
  - STAR helps your answer stay on track when you're feeling nervous.
- You'll be asked if you have any questions, too! Ask thoughtful questions that you genuinely want the answers to.
- Send a follow-up thank you email to your interviewers (example of how to do this [here](#)).  
Send it shortly after the Superday. Hiring decisions can be made quickly.



# Takeaways



Congratulations!

Celebrate your achievement and know you're great!

- Each bank handles Superday differently. Do your best to specifically prepare for each one, and brush up on your overall IB skills beforehand.
- There is no substitute for authenticity, curiosity, and passion (about the industry, the bank, and the team).
- Be specific — talk about your experience on Forage!