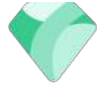




Preparing for Superday

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.

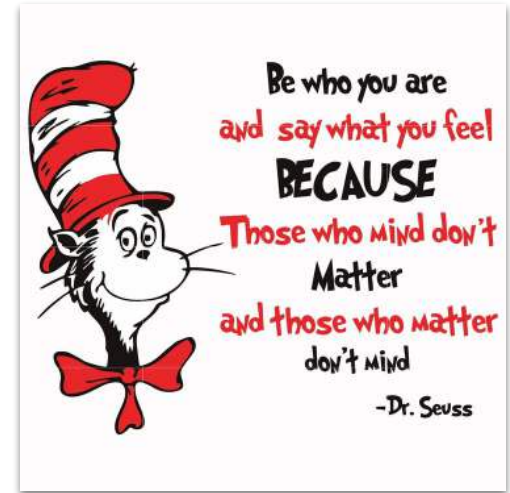
How to prepare a story that truly stands out (and is specific, curious, and passionate):

- 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!