

UCD Pre-Pharmacy Club x WesternU Mentors Q&A + Discussion

- Meeting starts at 5PM
 - Club Officer/Member Attendance:
 - James Chhen
 - Janeene Yeh
 - Mable Thai
 - Alyssa Hew
 - Amanda Leung
 - Arti Naik
 - Elena Dere
 - Kaitlyn Kui
 - Lolita Ghadimian
 - Melody Fu
 - Queenie Leung
- Q&A Panelists:
 - Western University School of Pharmacy
 - 4-year pharmacy program
 - Private university of Pomona, CA
 - Block system:
 - P1:
 - P2: immunology, etc.
 - P3: infectious diseases, oncology, etc.
 - Can be the hardest
 - P4: rotations, etc.
 - Celia Boone
 - Undergrad: Santa Clara University
 - Did not take a gap year
 - Did not work as a pharm tech
 - Tips:
 - internships/work experience
 - Dig deep into personal experiences → be yourself → stand out among other applicants
 - Do not force yourself into a mold
 - Talk to financial advisors about loans, grants, etc.
 - Stay on top of things → be aware of your situation
 - There are hospital jobs where you work for 10+ years → loan forgiveness
 - Ex. non-profit loans, repayment programs, etc.
 - Favorite memories:

- Good group of friends
 - Took PCAT in the summer → recommend studying with friends
 - Hardest interview question:
 - What is your proudest moment?
 - Planning on pursuing residency
 - Interested in hospital pharmacy
- Christine Kim
 - Undergrad: UC Davis, psychology major
 - Took 2-3 gap years to finish pharm school prereqs and worked in a pharmacy
 - Tips:
 - internships/work experience
 - Having a position in high school/undergrad → leadership skills
 - Favorite memories:
 - Experience with getting Immunization certificate
 - Small student-to-professor ratio → more interactions
 - Hardest interview question:
 - Situational Qs
 - Interested in psych pharmacy with her psych background
- Christian Lee
 - Undergrad: UC Irvine
 - Took 1 gap year and worked
 - Had some experience in a local pharmacy
 - Worked as a pharmacy clerk during gap year
 - Had a lot of prior retail experience
 - Tips:
 - reach out to professors and other people for letters of rec
 - Start early with the application
 - Recommend peer review for personal statement
 - Do not just list → choose certain experiences and elaborate
 - Close relations with professors and faculty