



## **Beginner Program Admissions Interview FAQ**

### **General Information**

#### **What is the Hack Reactor Admissions Interview?**

The admissions interview is an online assessment that Hack Reactor Beginner Coding Bootcamp candidates are required to pass before being accepted into the program.

#### **What's the format of the admissions interview?**

The admissions interview is completed through a third party, Criteria. You will access Criteria through your admissions portal. The admissions interview is a recorded, asynchronous interview that after submission is graded by Galvanize staff. Please ensure you have 20 minutes of uninterrupted time to complete the interview in full.

#### **Are there any restrictions on how many times or how frequently I can take the admissions interview?**

You may only attempt the admissions interview one time. If you do not pass, you can interview again after a 6 month lockout period.

#### **How do I request accommodations for the admissions interview?**

Galvanize is committed to providing students with disabilities equal access and participation in our programs as specified under applicable federal law. If you need an accommodation for the admissions interview, please follow the directions in our Academic Accommodations Policy document ([link](#)). Be sure to submit your request at least two weeks before your scheduled interview.



## **Setting up your computer for the admissions interview**

### **Can I use a tablet or smartphone for the admissions interview?**

While Criteria's video interview software is compatible with a phone or tablet, we highly recommend you use a laptop or desktop computer for the best experience.

### **Do I need a webcam?**

Yes. We require that you have a working webcam connected to the computer you will use to take the admissions interview. The webcam can either be integrated or external (USB-connected).

### **Do I need a microphone?**

Yes. we require that you have a working microphone connected to the computer you will use to take the admissions interview. The microphone can either be integrated or external (USB-connected). Most external webcams include microphone functionality, and some of the smartphone apps (mentioned above) offer microphone capability.

### **Do I need a good Internet connection?**

Yes, particularly for your audio quality, you'll need a good Internet connection. Make sure that your Internet is reliable and that you will have strong Wi-Fi or a wired Ethernet connection.

### **How do I test my audio prior to beginning?**

Criteria will guide you to check your audio and camera prior to beginning your interview. Please make sure you review each recording after you are finished to ensure your audio works consistently. See below for potential disruptions to your audio during the interview:



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If a candidate is using an older device or unstable internet connection, their device may struggle to maintain a steady connection with the video interview causing technical issues.

If the candidate is using their smartphone or other device, any calls or notifications received during the interview will set their phone microphone away from the VI interview.

Specifically with Mac devices- \*\*If you are using the Safari browser from an iPhone or iPad, the use of other apps during the interview may disable the microphone. There is a known issue on the Apple iOS that causes the mic to stop working in Safari if another app is launched during the interview. If this occurs, they need to restart their device.

### **During your admissions interview**

#### **What can I expect from the admissions interview format?**

After reviewing an introduction video and completing a test question, you will watch a video of each question, then be given prep time before you record your response. You will have 30 seconds of prep time for each question, and 1 minute response time. You can record your response to each question two times.

#### **Can I view my recordings for each question?**

Yes! We strongly encourage you to review each recording before moving to the next question. This is to ensure you selected your best response, and that your audio was functioning properly.



## **How do I access the interview if I do not immediately submit a recording?**

You can return to your [admissions portal](#) and use the Complete Interview button or use the link contained in the confirmation email that is sent by Criteria.

## **What should I do if I notice a technical issue during the interview recording and can't resolve it on my own?**

There is a chat widget present on the Criteria page throughout your interview. Use that as a resource for any assistance if you are experiencing a technical issue. You can also view [Criteria's FAQ page](#).

## **After your admissions interview**

### **When can I expect results from the Interview?**

Our program team will review your submission and an enrollment advisor will be in touch within 3 business days to discuss the results and next steps.

### **If I pass my interview, what happens next?**

After receiving your interview results and confirming your desired cohort with your Enrollment Advisor, you will be sent your Student Enrollment Agreement (SEA) within 2 business days

### **What if I have questions after the interview?**

Please contact your Enrollment Advisor or [admissions@galvanize.com](mailto:admissions@galvanize.com)