

Academic Job Interview Tips

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 - Don't lose your audience. Start off with simple motivating examples
 - Slowly build complexity
 - Pause for questions
 - Avoid proofs

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- ✓ Last point
 - Go to the seminar room early to set up

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- ✓ Other issues
 - Dietary restrictions
 - Housing, cost of living, schools, information about town/city
 - Partners, significant others, dual careers

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