Online Fellowship Interview Preparation

What’s the same?
A process to find the right fellows
- The programme criteria
- Questions derived from reviews and your response
- Funder commitment to run an equitable process

What’s different?
Remote Technology
- Difficult to build rapport
- Hard to "read the room"
- Conversations less likely to flow
- Distractions for you and the panel
- Technology fails and glitches

Useful Approaches
Take yourself for a test drive
- Prepare with an online mock on the same platform (if possible)
- Ask a critical friend to review your reviewer response and help spot weaknesses or points to clarify
- Convene a mock panel which replicates the one you’ll face

Tips and Tricks
Take a mock test and review
- Watch timings
- Get feedback on clarity of sound
- Become familiar with functionality of the platform you’ll use
- Research the panel and what they might want to hear
- Protect your time and focus on the day – wear your interview suit?
- Overcome the weirdness of smiling and engaging at a screen

After the Interview
Reflect and Review
- Note down questions asked in case you can support others in future/to help your preparation next time
- Contact the funder if anything has affected your performance or you have concerns about panel members having heard you
- Ask about timescale for decisions

Online Fellowship Interview Preparation is part of the 'Pop-Up' training from the IAD. This training was introduced to try to tackle current challenges and uncertainties. If you have any ideas for future topics, get in touch via the webpage: https://edin.ac/3Ltzc6

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