Graduate Student Instructor (gsi) Interview Questions

1. Give me an example of when you thought outside of the box. How did it help your employer?
2. Describe a method you have found effective for informing students of procedures for completing and
submitting class work.
3. Share an experience in which you successfully shared a difficult piece of information. (Make sure that the
candidate has open lines of communication.)
4. Describe an experience in which you identified the educational needs of your students and successfully
developed a way to teach/train them.
5. Share an experience when you applied new technology or information in your job. How did it help your
company?
6. Tell me about the last time you monitored or reviewed information and detected a problem. How did you
respond?
7. Provide an example when your ethics were tested.
8. Share an experience you had in dealing with a difficult person and how you handled the situation.
9. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best
solution to a problem.
10. Share an effective approach to working with a large amount of information/data. How has your approach
affected your company?
11. Share an experience in which your attention to detail and thoroughness had an impact on your last
company.
12. Share an example of when you went above and beyond the "call of duty". (Look for answers that show the
candidate is dependable.)
13. Provide an example of a time when you were able to demonstrate excellent listening skills. What was the

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situation and outcome?
14. Share an experience in which your willingness to lead or offer an opinion helped your company.
15. Please share an experience in which you successfully taught a difficult principle or concept. How were you
able to be successful?
16. Please share an experience in which you presented to a group. What was the situation and how did it go?
17. Share an experience in which you successfully taught a lower-level course. What methods made you
successful? What is something you would like to improve upon?
18. Provide an experience in which you effectively demonstrated the use of laboratory equipment and/or
effectively enforced laboratory rules.
19. Share an example of a time you had to gather information from multiple sources. How did you determine
which information was relevant?
20. Provide a time when you dealt calmly and effectively with a high-stress situation.