

Selection Interviews for 2009

Interviewee information



Introduction:

Thank you for applying to join SIGPET – we appreciate your interest and enthusiasm for General Practice training in our area, and we wish you all the best for your interview.

We are looking forward to finding out more about you and your desire to train with us. Having said that, we have to follow a structured interview process, and that means we have to ask certain questions in a certain way of all candidates. That also means we will not be able to have the conversation with you that we would really like to have! Because we are asking prescribed questions, you may find us asking a question that covers something you have already answered. Do not worry about this – just repeat any answers that you feel are relevant.

The format of the interview process:

The type of process that SIGPET is using for the 2009 selection interviews is a Multiple Mini Interviews or MMI. The questions that will be asked are standardised throughout the nation.

You will be given a two (2) hour time-slot that consists of an initial thirty (30) minute briefing session followed by a rotation through four different interview stations. You will be asked a total of seven questions that are run over the four stations. Each station will be allocated sixteen minutes for you to answer one to two prescribed questions – which are roughly 8 minutes per question. This means you need to be concise in some of your answers and we will therefore sometimes have to move you on. If you do not understand a question you can ask for it to be repeated or rephrased. You will be interviewed by one or two interviewers at a time.

Scheduled interview dates and times:

The interview dates and times are:

- Wednesday 13th August 2008: 9:00am to 11:00am
- Wednesday 13th August 2008: 11:00am to 1:00pm
- Wednesday 13th August 2008: 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- Wednesday 13th August 2008: 3:30pm to 5:30pm

- Saturday 16th August 2008: 9:00am to 11:00am
- Saturday 16th August 2008: 11:00am to 1:00pm
- Saturday 16th August 2008: 1:30pm to 3:30pm
- Saturday 16th August 2008: 3:30pm to 5:30pm

You need to be available to attend one of these time slots. If your availability is tight, you should book in for your interview as soon as you receive your offer from GPET for an interview with SIGPET.

Venue for interviews:

- SIGPET offices – 37 Booth Street, Balmain, 2041

What you should bring with you to the interview:

- Your letter of offer for an interview from GPET (this can be printing out from an email from GPET)
- Photo ID – e.g., drivers licence, passport
- If the name on your photo ID differs from your name on your Medical Registration / GPET application, then you should bring a copy of a certificate that verifies the difference (e.g., marriage certificate).
- Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the interview (time to verify your ID etc)
- Please allow time for difficulties with traffic that you may encounter (The interviews will commence, without delay, at the scheduled time).

The number of positions that will be offered:

We are interviewing 33 candidates for 29 positions – and we do expect to fill these 30 positions in the first round of interviews.

Offers for positions:

Successful candidates will be notified before Monday 1st September 2008.

Acceptance of positions:

You should only accept this offer if you can **commence active training** (in a Hospital, Special Skills or GP post) in January 2009. You should also only accept this offer if you

- Can come to SIGPET for an initial training planning interview by 30th September 2008
- Are able to attend the Orientation on the weekend of 8th & 9th November 2008
- Can arrange a secure reliable email address (not hotmail or yahoo)
- Can commit to undertaking a six-month (full time equivalent) Rural GP term during the course of your training

Effect of NEATS/SIGPET amalgamation on Registrar training:

You may know that SIGPET and NEATS (a rural regional training provider in north-western NSW) are contemplating merging. Applicants to SIGPET in for the 2008 intake are applying for SIGPET training as it is currently configured. That is, if successful in your application, your training will be in the **current SIGPET region**, except for the compulsory rural term. Under the current SIGPET policy – which will continue to apply – this rural term can be undertaken anywhere in rural Australia at a time and place which best meets the educational and personal needs of the Registrar.