

VVR Guidelines

- 1. **Be on time:** Never be late for your VVR. If you do, not only will it bring down your overall grades of MRNAT, but it will also muddy your reputation to the interviewer even before your enrolment to the institution
- 2. Have some questions of your own prepared in advance: There is nothing wrong with having a short list of questions and thoughts—it shows you have done your research and want to know more about the institution and the program you have applied for.
- 3. **Have a Pen and Notebook Handy:** Do not take notes during your VVR. However, since all the rounds will be in full view of every participant, you can write down some points for yourself while others are being interviewed.
- 4. **Listen carefully to the interviewer:** Be sure you understand the question; if not, ask for clarification, or restate it in your own words. Answer completely and concisely. Stick to the subject at hand.
- 5. **Watch your language accuracy.** Interviewers are interested in candidates who can express themselves properly. Since you have the option to express yourself both in English and/or Hindi, choose the medium of expression you are most comfortable with. Speak slowly, and correct yourself as you go. Accuracy is preferred by the interviewers over grammatical fluency.
- 6. **Don't be embarrassed if you are nervous:** The interviewers understand that it is natural for you to be nervous. Take deep breaths in case you are nervous, control the pitch of your voice and focus on your attributes, your transferable skills, and your willingness to learn. Don't apologize for your nervousness and instead describe your strengths in terms of what you can do for the institution.
- 7. **Close on a positive, enthusiastic note:** Ask what the next step will be. Thank the interviewer for his/her time and express your interest in pursuing your academic journey at the organization. End your VVR courteously with a smile.