

Tell me about yourself!/ Tell me why are you here today!

- Second-year Cambridge economics student, who once got accepted to Cambridge had no idea what he wants to do with his degree
- So I did my research, went to campus recruitment events, networking events, career fairs, and became interested in consulting
- Liked what they said about the work, looked into the topic of consulting myself, found it really interesting, decided that I want to do this
- I am the kind of person, who when he decides to do something wants to do it to the highest level, so that is why I am here today because I want to work for the most prestigious firm

Why Hungary? Why not London?

- That is a question that I have been asked many times, but I can basically categorise my argument into three basic topics
- Personal reasons, want to be with family, friends and long term girlfriend studying at Sote
- Like Budapest as a city, less sure about London
- I feel like I know the rules of the game the way of life better here, hence it might be a better place to start a career

Why consulting?

- Opportunity to work with a lot of very intelligent people, from whom I hope to learn a lot
- Very steep learning curve
- The project nature of the work keeps it interesting, as you always have to tackle new problems
- Solving complex challenging real life problems excites me
- Exposure to the corporate elite
- Exposure to many industries

Why this firm? Why not others?

- Prestige, saying that I worked for BCG is the statement in itself, only BCG and Bain can compare
- Deciding within MBB I looked at websites of the firms, and what they say about themselves, what they offer, and looking at their websites I realised that I would be happy for working any of them, but obviously I wanted a mental priority list in my head
- On networking events/campus recruitment events/careers fairs I had the opportunity to talk to current and former consultants from MBB and honestly I just found that I was best getting along with the people from BCG and they seemed the most sympathetic to me, so I went with gut feeling and decided to put BCG on the top of my list

What do you think consultants do?

- Consultants are brains for hire
- Solve problems for clients
- Gather vast amounts of data, analyse the data and find possible solutions, then present them

Tell me about a time you showed leadership skills!

- Cardboard boat building, every year in Cambridge this race takes place after exams
- Friends started to make it before the exams, but used a toxic glue, hence the half-made boat has to be thrown out the window
- had to start from scratch with the previous teamleader quitting do to the incident with the toxic glue, team in debate about a who is to blame, managed to calm them down, started to organise priority list to do, handed out task and became quickly the new team leader
- Took over the team with only 5 days to go until race day, with not having enough time to execute on the original plan of making a honeycomb like structure for the base of the boat, so we had to start over from scratch with no plans, I ordered the team to make the side panels of the boat, while I was thinking of how to do the base of the boat to support us
- Managed to come up with an idea on the go, of making the base out of cylinders used for architecture students to store their drawings in due to their structural stability
- Managed to pull off the construction of the boat in 5 days, got a 5.5 meter long 4 person boat which weighted about 80 kg, and won 3rd place in the speed race and first place in the unofficial contest of last boat standing in the ensuing water battle

Tell me of a time you were a team player!

- Future Hungary, last 2 weeks there is always a lot of work to do before a conference, but situation amplified by the coronavirus situation, everything got pushed beyond the last minute, firms cancelling? participants canceling?, ethical dilemma of cancelling?..
- Work included, accomodation problems, travel subsidy, workshop and speaker allocation, emails to participants, CV collection and classification
- Neglecting academic work for the team, worked really hard and pulled off some really late nights, to manage to do everything in time
- Result we managed to host an amazing conference with a big succes

Give me an example of a time when you persuaded a group

- Future Hungary, Ambassador program

Tell me about a recent crisis that you handled!

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- Acces Officer, coronavirus crisis, no school meetings, searched contact and persuaded people to achieve to be included in an email sent out to all schools

Have you ever failed in anything?/ Tell me about a time you failed at something!

- getting to the Olimpics first time
- driving, had to take extra classes
- getting a 2.1 in Cambridge
- being unable to run, because of taking medical steroids
- My approach to failing was always the same, I doubled my efforts, pushed harder than before and so far that has always led to results

What accomplishments have given you the greatest satisfaction?

- Getting into cambridge
- Getting a silver medal at the Olimpics
- Getting tenth place at the half marathon

What experiences/skills do you feel are transferable to our organisation?

What are your 3 biggest weakness?

- Grammar, writing correctly, especially in Hungarian, but I am aware of it and working on it with using various built in grammar correction softwares such as Grammarly
- Being bad at balancing work and leisure, either 100% work or 100% leisure, hard time finding a healthy 80-20 split, working on it by using timers, and pre-setting intervals for work and leisure as well
- Cannot be satisfied, always wanting more

What are your 3 biggest strenght?

- creative strategic thinking, I feel like I was many time able to come up with creative solutions to overcome problems (FH, F+F festival)
- ability to foresee critical problems in practice, I spot problems at planning stage that others don't think of, but would actually be really hinder our success in practice
- analitical thinking combined with good communication and interpersonal skills

Why should I hire you?

How would your previous boss/friend/sibling describe you in 1/3/5 words?

- Hardworking
- reliable
- honest
- clever
- funny

What do you do in your freetime?

- 4 Sports, long distance running, cycling, rock climbing (bouldering and via ferratas and a bit of lead climbing), skiing (Varsity race being part of the Cambridge team)
- reading daily bbc, index, economist
- cooking
- hanging out with friends

What is your leadership style?

What makes a good consultant?/ Describe the qualities of a good consultant!

- good analytical thinking
- numerical skills
- attention to detail, precision
- creative strategic thinking
- teamworker
- good communication skills
- ability to process vast amount of data and find the important parts of it
- natural leader
- ability to work long and hard hours
- stress resilience

What are some important ethical considerations for consultants?

Describe a time you had to lead a team through a difficult challenge

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Tell me about a company you admire

- SpaceX, I admire excellence and pushing the limits of what is possible, and SpaceX represents both of that for me
- They massively lowered the cost of transporting cargo to the ISS
- They are able to land back rockets to the surface in one piece, like as if rocket science was not enough difficult to begin with
- And they are ultimately doing something, that I believe will eventually benefit the entire human race

Tell me about a recent article that you have read

- China's position after the coronavirus crisis, will it become stronger or weaker?
- Supply chain reorganisation? Geopolitical reorganisation with China's "successful handling of the virus, Trump's WHO pull-out
- coronavirus crisis will impact the economy in a structural-way? Supply chain reorganisation? Inflation pressure? New unconventional monetary responses?

Tell me about a recent merger/acquisition

Tell me about a project that didn't go well and why and what you would do differently next time?

- CV collection at FH, president assumed everyone will send their CVs in based on last year, I believed him, so on his advice I did not build it into our website a mandatory CV handing in system, which would have probably cost me an afternoon to do so, given that I had no expertise in the matter
- We were not getting emails, so had to write people personally asking them for their CVs, which was very time consuming, but yielded efforts in the end
- I should have gone with my gut feeling and done the CV handing in system to begin with without assuming on the president's advice that they will send their CVs in, that way our team would have had way less work

Tell me about a time when you had to convince someone to change their mind

- belügyminisztérium, államtitkár helyettes asszony FH látogatás why funding FH is a good idea and why studying in the UK is a good thing and what is the value in it
- made a tour in Cambridge, had a lovely afternoon with a lot of storytelling besides the serious conversation
- she did not only became our supporter, but also helped me later with a further thing (access email to every school)

Walk me through your resume

- Got into Fazekas, saw that the cleverest people were all leaving to study in Cambridge, so I decided to apply there as well, did everything academically that I could to achieve my goal: 4 Emelt Érettségi, a lot of competitions (including the International Olympics), language learning and language exam
- In Fazekas I also got involved in the organisation of Student life, because my class teacher tasked me with the organisation of an Open Day, in which I apparently did a good job, so I started to get bigger and bigger organisation jobs, which I really enjoyed, became Student Union Vice President (turned the student Union Around), Fazekas Fesztivál (elaborate)
- successfully got into Cambridge, where academically I learned a tremendous amount, that I think would really help me in any job, and personally was confronted with many new worldviews, opinions and made friends from all around the world, which I believe really benefitted me personally
- In Cambridge I continued doing organisation and Committee work, Hungarian Society General Member, then Access Officer, Future Hungary Head of participation, Cambridge Economic Pluralism, Society treasurer, Clare Colleger, Telephone Campaign, Clare college Christmas Party
- Besides these committee works I also had exposure two times to real life work in the form of internships, one with Unicredit and one with WTS Klient
- From these experiences I believe I learned a great deal in terms of teamwork, solving real world problems, crises-es when something does not go according to planned, meeting deadlines to achieve the goals of our team, dealing with stress in high pressure situations, communicating effectively with others, persuading others, and leading others in a team