

2020 Postgraduate Group Training Workshop

One of the career training workshops for postgraduates this year, Group Interview Training, was held on the afternoons of September 13 and 20 and was conducted by an alumnus of our department, Andy Chan, an experienced trainer who works in a top financial management position in a famous commercial firm and who has previous experience in one of the Big 4 accounting firms. Forty-seven MScPACG-PA students and twenty-one MAIA students participated in the workshops.

During the four-hour workshop, Andy first introduced the general recruitment procedures and career paths of commercial firms, CPA firms, banks, and government institutions. Then, he shared tips about the group interview procedure and how to succeed in this assessment. The most valuable part of the workshop, however, was the mock interview session. The students were divided into groups to discuss a business case, simulating a real-life interview environment. In response to the current situation with the pandemic, Andy also provided tips for online interviews to help students to perform better in these interviews.

According to the post-workshop survey, most of the students thought that the workshop was well organized and useful, and believed that the facilitator had sophisticated knowledge. Furthermore, they gave us other suggestions that will help our department to do better in career training sessions for students.