

## Tips for a video interview

Video interviews are used frequently for international interviews. Currently, due to the Corona virus, the University of Twente will use video interviews more and more. Although the preparation for your interview is similar to preparing for a face to face meeting, here we provide you with some extra tips.

- **Quiet place** - Make sure that you find a quiet place at home and minimise the chance that your interview gets interrupted. Close your window, tell your roommates or family members to be quiet, mute your telephone, mute the notifications on your computer, let your cat out and so on.
- **Stable internet connection** - Double check your internet connection. If the connection is not stable, you may want to opt to use a personal hotspot if the connection is more stable.
- **Test tools and devices** - Test and download the interview tool well in advance and make sure that your microphone and camera are working.
- **Connection** - You do not want to have any connection problems, so close all other tabs and programmes on your device to prevent any interference.
- **Presentation** - Your clothes can come across quite differently on camera than in real life. Wear soft colours and leave bright colours and patterns in your wardrobe.
- **Background** - Choose a neutral background, free from any clutter or mess.
- **Light** - make sure the light is okay and doesn't come from behind you, so you are visible and your jewellery or glasses are not reflecting the light.
- **Look at the camera** - Make sure that your face is centred on the screen and your face is fully visible. Also, make eye contact with the interviewer. Do not look at the interviewer on screen, but look into the camera.
- **Gather your materials** - Find a notebook and pen and set them within reach of your computer. Consider printing out a copy of your resume that you can consult during the interview.

We hope these tips will help you make a great impression on your (video) interview. Good luck!