

Interview questions

1. What got you into the career of astronomy?
 - a. "I've always admired the stars ever since I was little. I strived to learn more about them. The star's formation process intrigued me the most."
2. Do you enjoy the work you do?
 - a. "Of course. Everyday is a thrilling experience to learn something new."
3. What college degree do you need for this career?
 - a. "It all depends on how high of a position you're shooting for. A PhD is an average degree for someone in my field."
4. How long have you worked in this field?
 - a.
5. Is the work particularly hard?
 - a. "Not if you're dedicated, and you love what you do."
6. Have you always wanted to work in astronomy?
 - a. (See Question 1 a.)
7. What is your annual income?
 - a.
8. What's the average day of work look like for you?
 - a.
9. Do you have to work with a whole team of people? If so, how many do you work with?
 - a. "Teamwork is a key aspect in a functioning work life, no matter the work."
10. Have you seen anything interesting in space?

- a. “Nothing of what you’re probably thinking. I haven’t seen anything like ‘aliens’ or ‘UFO’s’ in space.”

11. Do you have to travel a lot in your line of work?

- a.

Reflecting back on the interview I was ever so lucky to be granted, I learned a lot from Pam Bowers. Our interview was cut off due to her busy work life; I was just glad I got to talk to an astronomer and learn something. Though some unanswered questions, I will in the near future call back at a more ideal time to ask those questions. During the interview I had no clue how high of a ranking Pam Bowers actually held. But afterwards I did a little research to discover she has a very high rank. She’s a Harvard-Smithsonian MicroObservatory Astrophysics Project, and she has worked for NASA. It baffles me that I was interviewing someone of such prestige. This has truly been a blessing.