

What's New with the National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS)?



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NPSAS:16

- 2,000 institutions
- 122,000 students
- Nationally representative

NPSAS:18-AC

- 3,100 institutions
- 350,000 students
- Nationally representative; state-representative of undergraduates

NPSAS:20

- 3,100 institutions
- 400,000 students
- Nationally representative; state-representative of undergraduates

NPSAS:18-AC

Data collection just ended

Will provide more current/frequent national data

State-level data on a wide scale for the first time

Administrative data only, no student interview

Undergraduate and graduate students in the following institutions

1. Public less-than-2-year
2. Public 2-year
3. Public 4-year, non-doctorate-granting, primarily subbaccalaureate
4. Public 4-year, non-doctorate-granting, primarily baccalaureate
5. Public 4-year, doctorate-granting
6. Private nonprofit less-than-4-year
7. Private nonprofit 4-year, non-doctorate-granting
8. Private nonprofit 4-year, doctorate-granting
9. Private for-profit less-than-2-year
10. Private for-profit 2-year
11. Private for-profit 4-year

Located in all states plus District of Columbia and Puerto Rico

State-Representative Undergraduate Samples



2-year public institutions

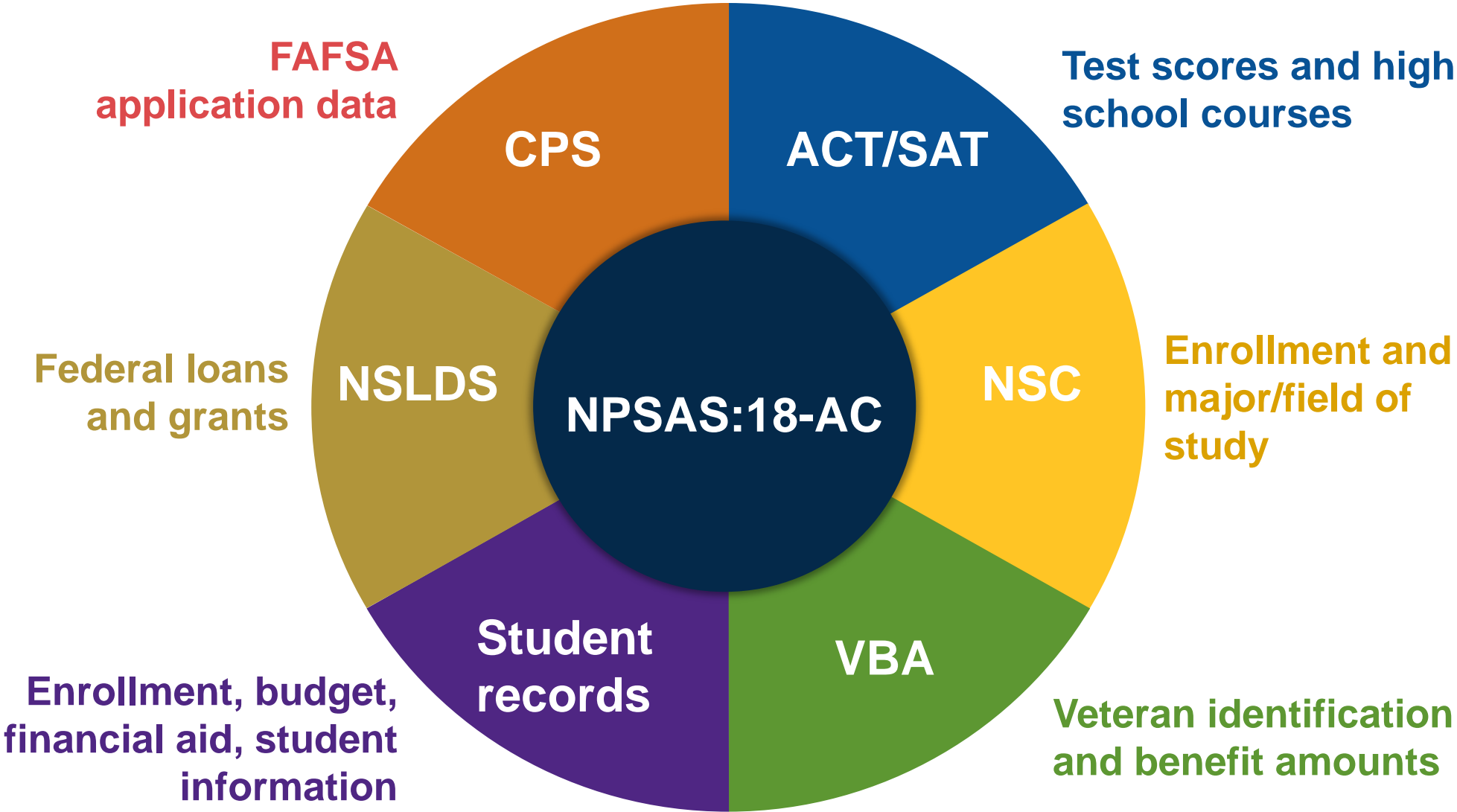


4-year public institutions

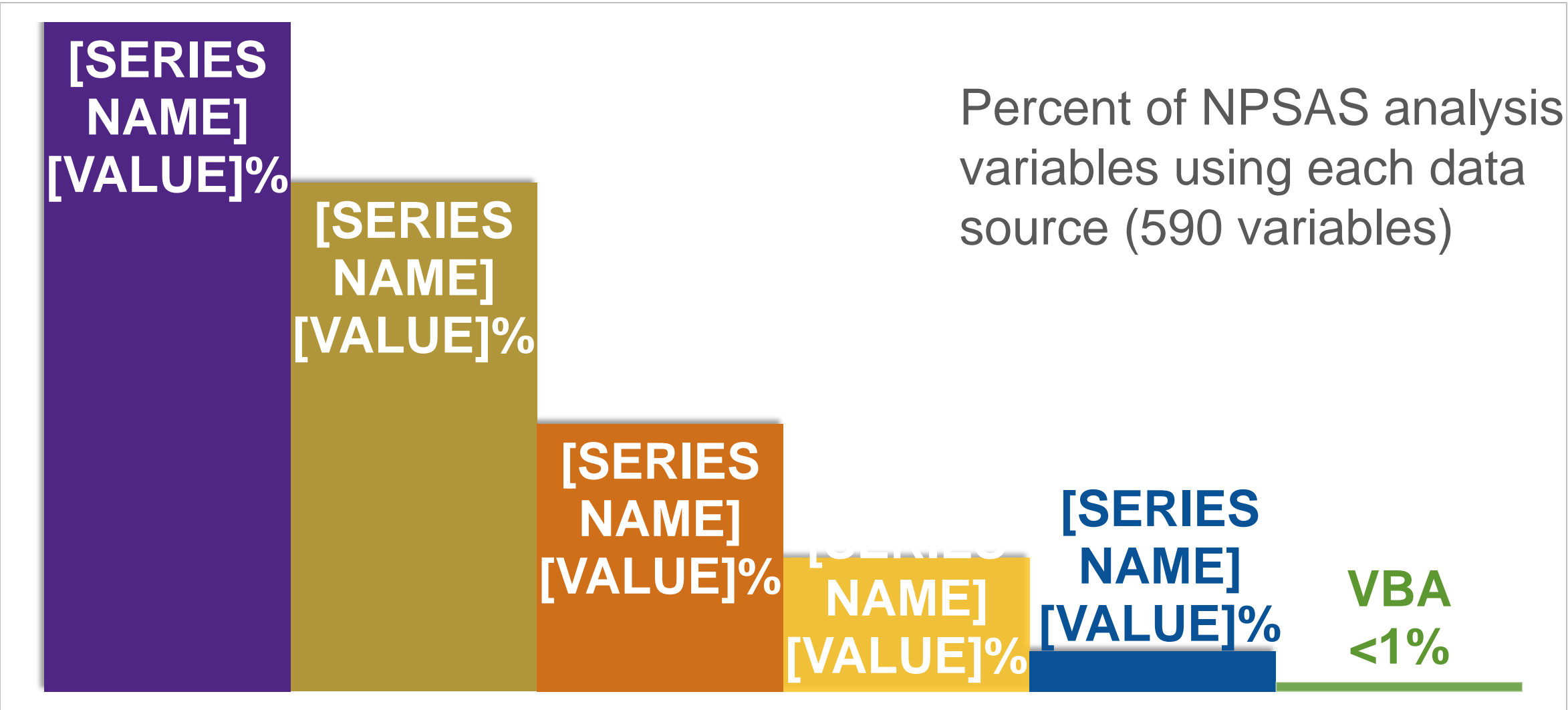


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Administrative Data Sources



How Often Do We Use Them?



Where They Overlap

Data element	Student Records	CPS	NSC	NSLDS	VBA, SAT, ACT
Federal aid (Pell Grants, direct loans, etc.)	■			■	■
State and institution aid	■				
Enrollment	■		■	■	
Education expenses (budget & tuition)	■			■	
Student characteristics	■	■			■
Income		■			
Degree information (major, completion, etc.)	■		■		

Include variables on restricted-use file to identify state agencies and other analysis domains

Compute weights such that estimates of state aid match independent state totals, where possible

Publicly available data – DataLab

- PowerStats
 - QuickStats
 - TrendStats
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Restricted data – Restricted-Use Data File (RUF)

Data Released – tentatively summer 2020

NPSAS:20



Public 2-year – all (~970)

Public 4-year – all (~750)

All other institutions - ~1,380

- Public less-than-2-year
- Private nonprofit
- Private for-profit

Name

Social Security number (SSN)

Demographics

Data for sampling



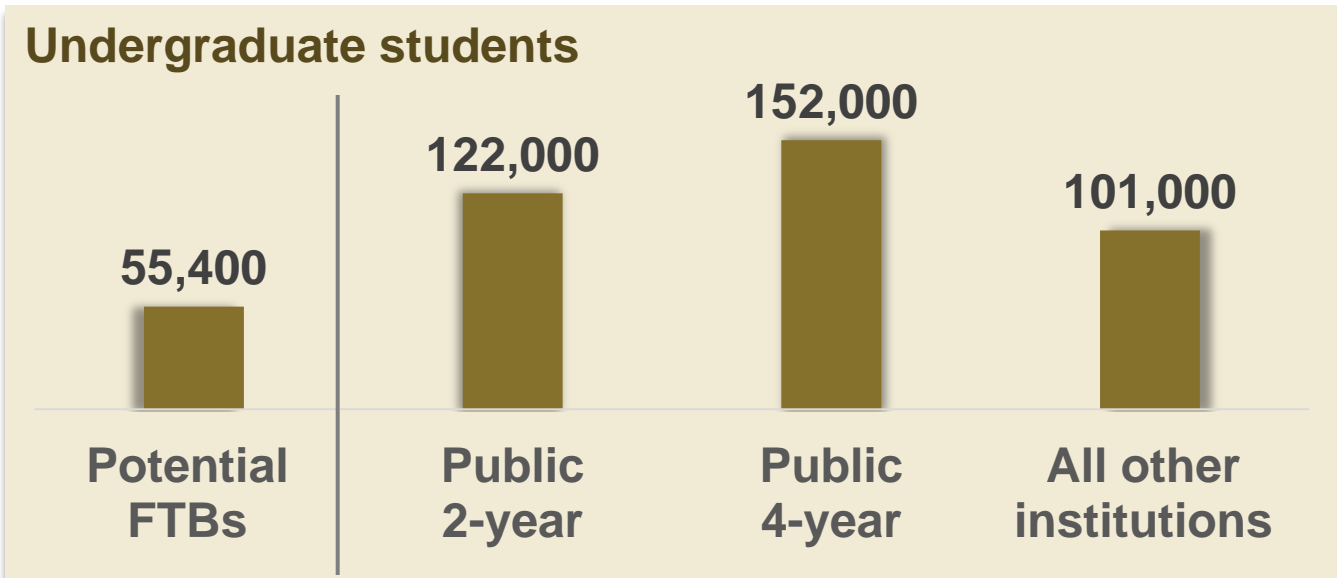
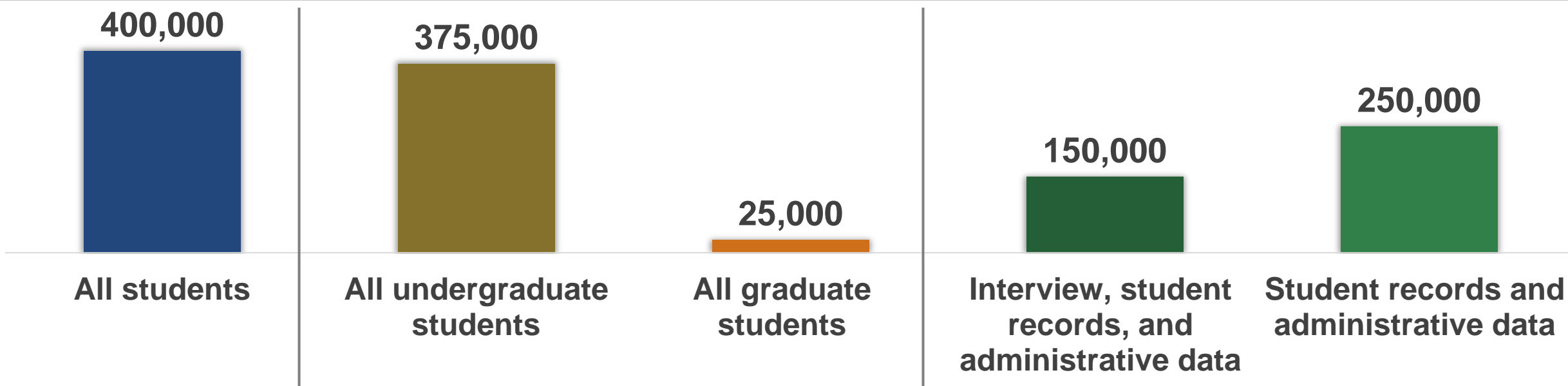
Students will be sampled on a flow basis as enrollment lists are received

Sampled students will be randomly divided into two groups

- Students who will receive the interview
 - Students who will not receive the interview
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Both groups will have student records and administrative data

Student Sample Sizes



Potential New Items to NPSAS



**FAFSA
alignment**



**Sexual orientation
and gender identity**



**Parent
occupation**



**Food and
housing security**



**Emergency
financial aid**



BPS provides key measures for understanding persistence, attainment, and labor market outcomes for first-time beginning postsecondary students in 2019-20

Longitudinal data across time and institutions

- Transfer behaviors
- Employment while enrolled and beyond
- Family formation
- Debt

Sampling

- A first-time beginning students sample
- Potential groups of interest, such as
 - State representative samples
 - Students >24
 - Rural students

Critical first-year data for sample members

- Baseline data to start the longitudinal study
- Special interview questions for first-time beginning students

Contacting materials and strategies for the long haul



QUESTIONS