

# Interview Questions Chief Executive

Determine and formulate policies and provide overall direction of companies or private and public sector organizations within guidelines set up by a board of directors or similar governing body. Plan, direct, or coordinate operational activities at the highest level of management with the help of subordinate executives and staff managers.



#### **Strategic Planning and Vision**

- What do you think of our company's mission and vision?
- How do you see our company changing in one year and how do you see yourself creating that change? In five years?
- What are three of your biggest accomplishments?
- Who do you believe are our biggest competitors? How do we differ from them?
- Which industry trends will impact us the most in the next five years? How do you go about keeping informed of prevailing business trends and practices?
- What are the drivers of a successful business? What metrics do you review to know if you're meeting your goals?
- What are the most helpful technological platforms and tools you have used? Would you implement them in our organization?
- Describe your rationale before you make a big financial decision. What criteria do you use to decide which products or services to invest in?

#### **Organizational Agility and Communication**

- Imagine that a product or service we launched recently failed our expectations. What are your next steps?
- What is the biggest challenge you have faced in your career? How did you overcome it and what did you learn from it?
- Describe a time when two team leaders or executives had a conflict. How did you handle the situation?
- Describe a time you had to make a tough decision (e.g. budget cuts, organizational restructuring, market withdrawal, etc.). What did you do and what was the result?
- How do you decide what operations information to review?
- Tell us about a contract you negotiated that you are particularly proud of.
- Tell me a time when you reallocated resources due to a shrinking budget.

#### Leadership

- Some people consider themselves to be "big picture people" and others are "detail oriented". Which are you? Give an example of a time when you displayed this.
- How do you ensure departments are aligned with the company's goals?
- How do you prefer to communicate with your team to assign responsibilities to them?
- What qualities do you look for in your leadership team?
- How do you influence company culture? How does company culture affect your work?



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