Common Interview Questions

General
How does your background, professional or personal, prepare you for this position?
What do you see yourself doing in five years?
How do you approach situations where people do not agree with you?
How would you contribute to the department’s mission?

Research
Tell us about your dissertation.
What are your current projects?
What are your future projects?
How would your research complement the department?

Teaching
How would you teach an intro course in your field?
How do you motivate undergraduates about science?
How do you promote diversity? Please be specific.
What have been some of the challenges you have had with students?
How would you characterize your teaching?