

Going Beyond Google

Before meeting with a company for an interview learn about them!

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<http://researchguides.uic.edu/business>



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Industry Information



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