Professional Attire for Interviews and Career Fairs

Tips:

1. Try to get a sense of the "corporate culture" before you interview. Traditional industries such as finance will likely expect a suit, while startups might find a suit stuffy. When in doubt, dress up a little more. You should try to dress up just a bit more than the people already working there. Generally, either Business Professional or Business Casual is called for.

2. No matter what you wear, make sure it looks new or well-tended - clean, pressed, no tears etc. Get a lint roller!

3. Prepare your outfit well before the interview to make sure everything fits properly and feels comfortable. Lay out your clothes the night before so that you're ready on interview day. Clean and polish your shoes the night before.

4. Do not bring gum, coffee or soda into the interview!

Business Professional Attire:
- A suit in a dark color like black, gray or navy. Solid or fine pinstripe.
- Skirt suits, no shorter than two inches above the knee, and with hose.
- Dress shirt, blouse or button-down shirt and a tie. No cleavage showing, no shoulders showing. Generally lighter colored tops beneath darker jackets or blazers.
- Dress shoes - flat or mid-heel, closed-toe, black or dark brown, with dark socks or with hose.
- Minimal jewelry.

Business Casual Attire:
- Pressed slacks or neat trousers (not jeans!!!)
- Skirt around knee length.
- Blouse, sweater or button-down, tucked-in shirt. No cleavage showing. Generally lighter colored tops beneath darker jackets or blazers.
- A jacket or blazer is optional.
- Flat or low-heeled professional shoes.
- Minimal jewelry.

Grooming:
- Avoid strong smells - wear deodorant, but avoid perfume or cologne as it could be overwhelming or distracting. Keep your smell as neutral as possible.
- Hair and Makeup - should be neat and understated
- Nails should be clean and trimmed, with neutral colored polish if any.

Keep in mind that your aim is to show off your skills and experience!
Your outfit should not distract from letting those aspects shine.