

Informational Interview & Networking Questions

Here are some questions you can ask while conducting informational interviews or while networking. The purpose of informational interviews is to provide you an opportunity to ask career related questions to professionals working in a field of interest. These interviews, initiated by you, are an excellent way gain a better understanding of a particular occupation and to begin networking within that field. Good luck!

- How did you become interested in this field?
- How did you obtain your current job?
- Can you describe a typical day for you on the job?
- How are you using the skills and knowledge that you acquired in your college major?
- What are some important future trends that you see for your career field?
- What are some things that employers look for in job applicants in your career field?
- What do you like least/most about your job?
- What can I do now to make myself more prepared for this field when I graduate?
- What advice do you have for college students who are considering your career field?
- What are some things that you have learned about the workplace that you didn't realize when you graduated from college?
- What are some job search strategies that you would recommend for new college graduates?
- What are some things that you look for in a potential employer that I should also consider?
- Can you tell me about your most satisfying accomplishment?
- What is a "typical" path in your career field?
- How do employers in your field generally feel about liberal arts majors as candidates?
- What professional associations, trade journals, and/or training experiences would be helpful for a new professional in your career field?
- Does your company participate in internship programs? If yes, what can you tell me about them?
- Does your company have any job opportunities open at the current time? If yes, can you tell me about them?
- Would you be willing to be a contact for when I begin my internship or job search?

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& DON'T FORGET TO SEND THANK-YOU LETTERS!!**