

INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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Below are some questions you may consider asking a professional network or mentor to gain a better understanding of their career journey. They may share their successes, failures and advice. This list is not exhaustive. Be sure to make the most of their time by asking questions that are important to you and the career path you are pursuing.

- How did you get your start in this career?
- How did you prepare for entry into this field? Is there any specific training or degree required?
- What is a typical workday like?
- How many days/hours per week do you typically work? Do you travel?
- What are some typical entry-level positions to get started in this occupation?
- What are the qualifications you would look for in a recent graduate looking to get into this field?
- What is the entry-level salary range for this occupation? What is the maximum salary range?
- What are the most challenging aspects of your work?
- What rewards do you get from your work?
- Knowing what you know now, if you could start over again, what would you do differently to reach this occupation?
- Do you recommend any professional associations to join or journals to subscribe to?
- What do you enjoy most about your field in general and your current job in particular?
- What do you enjoy least about your field in general and your current job in particular?
- What are some obstacles I should be prepared to face when getting started?
- Do you have any other suggestions for a student that is interested in this career field?

Asking personal questions, like salary inquiries or questions not related to their career, is not appropriate and should not be asked.