

Sample Informational Interview Questions

Questions about the job / career field

- What led you to your current career path?
- What does an average work week involve?
- What are some of the most current trends / issues facing people in your field?
- What do you enjoy most about your current work? What are some of the challenges?

Personal Reflection / Career Transition

- What factors did you consider when deciding which types of jobs to apply for?
- How did you deal with the challenges often associated with a career transition?
- Can you please compare and contrast your experiences in academia versus industry regarding (i.e. organizational culture, freedom vs. constraints, personal satisfaction)

The Job Search

- How did you get your job?
- What skills should I stress on my resume and during the interview to get a job in your field?
- Any advice on what I could be doing to make myself more attractive to people in your field?