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Informational Interview Questions

Student Guide

1 Career Fit

- What do you like most/least about your work?
- How did you become interested in this field?
- What was your steepest learning curve?
- Were there any career decisions you wish you had handled differently?



2 Industry Specific

- What does a typical career progression look like in this field?
- What is changing about this industry?
- What are some challenges to working in this industry?
- Are there any important conferences or professional organizations you would recommend?

3 Company Specific

- How would you describe the company culture?
- How does your current organization compare to others you have worked with?
- When accepting this role, what were some of the things you considered?
- How does this organization support your professional growth?

4 Role Specific

- What are your favorite/least favorite parts of your job?
- What does a typical day or week look like?
- Do you work primarily independent or in collaborations?
- Can you tell me about a project you've worked on?
- What skills are most important for this position?

5 General Advice

- What should I be looking for in a future manager?
- What is important to highlight on my resume?
- What are the key skills I should be developing?
- Are there any job search tips you would recommend?
- Is there anyone else you recommend I speak to?