Informational Interview Sample Questions

Remember the more research you do, the more specific questions you can develop. This will maximize the information you receive from your informational interview!

1. What is a typical day like on this job? What did you do yesterday?

2. What do you like most about your work? Least?

3. How did you come to choose this profession? This particular job? What steps did you take to get where you are?

4. Approximately how many hours do you work per week?

5. What types of people do you deal with?

6. Do you find your job satisfying? What makes it that way? What effects (positive and negative) does this job have on your family and personal life (leisure time)?

7. What personal qualities are necessary to succeed at this type of work?

8. Do you think that the prospects for success for a person entering this field will grow or decline over the next decade?

9. What kind of position could a college graduate anticipate when entering this field?

10. What is the starting salary range for a college graduate? The eventual range?

11. Are there courses that you would advise taking in college to help prepare for this career?

12. What are your career goals for the future?

13. If you could give only one piece of advice to a young person seeking a career such as yours, what would that advice be?

14. What methods would you recommend for doing a job search in this field?