

## TYPICAL QUESTIONS STUDENTS MIGHT ASK

Thank you for taking the time to speak with our students. These informal, one-on-one chats are a great opportunity for them to learn more about your career path and gain real-world insight. The questions below highlight topics they may be curious about, from your background and industry trends to lessons learned and professional advice. Please feel free to share your personal experiences whenever possible.

### **Background and career path:**

1. What is your educational background?
2. Describe your career path. What was your first job in this field? What was the progression of jobs you had in order to get to your present position?
3. What is a typical day like for you?
4. What is the most satisfying part of your job? The least satisfying?
5. What is your biggest responsibility, and how much pressure do you feel from this responsibility?
6. How do you feel your salary compares to other occupations with the same educational requirements, skills, and level of responsibility?

### **Trends:**

1. What trends are most affecting your business/interest right now?
2. How has your business changed most since you started?
3. How do you think your business will change most dramatically in the next several years?

### **Insights:**

1. What's been the most valuable experience at your employer so far and why?
2. Would you choose to enter this field again? If not, what other field would you choose?
3. Knowing what you know now about your field, what courses or training would you have done differently?
4. What is a lesson that you have learned as a professional in this field that you wished you had known when you were a student and/or new professional?

### **Advice:**

1. If you were me, what would you be doing right now to maximize your chance of breaking into this industry or function?
2. What professional organizations do you recommend?
3. What are the most valued skills in this field? How can I best obtain these skills?

### **Resources:**

1. What resources should I be sure to look into next?
2. Can you suggest other people I might be able to interview who have similar career interests?

**Questions taken from *The 2-Hour Job Search* by Steve Dalton.**