Sample Questions: Informational Interview

- 1. What are the entry-level opportunities in this field/organization?
- 2. Tell me about your career path and those common in this field.
- 3. What skills and education are needed to enter this field?
- 4. What kinds of entry-level jobs or internships do you think are good training ground?
- 5. How do you spend a typical day/week?
- 6. What are the major responsibilities of your position?
- 7. What hours do you normally work? Is there much travel involved?
- 8. What do you find most/least satisfying about your job?
- 9. What are the positive/negative aspects of working in this field?
- 10. What trends and developments do you see affecting career opportunities?
- 11. What are the most significant changes you've seen in the industry over the past 5 years?
- 12. What recommendations can you give to someone looking to enter this field?
- 13. What is the corporate culture of your company? Is it informal or formal? Do people work autonomously or in teams?
- 14. What traits, characteristics and skills do successful people in this field possess?
- 15. What are the salary expectations for this field currently and in the future?
- 16. Are you active in any professional organizations? Are students invited to attend? Are student memberships available?
- 17. Can you recommend anyone else for me to speak with?

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