

Sample Questions to Ask Your Mentor

Background Questions:

- How did you decide to enter this profession?
- What kind of schooling or experience does it take to do this job?
- How long have you worked here?
- What steps would you recommend I take in order to get a job like yours?

Personal Questions:

- Is this job satisfying to you?
- What benefits are there to doing this job?
- What's the worst part of your job?
- What's the best part of your job?
- Do you plan to do this for the rest of your life?
- Is the time investment needed to qualify for this job worth the effort?
- What part of the job causes you stress?

Big Questions:

- What kinds of tasks do you do for your job?
- Can you show me how to do a part of your job?
- Is there a part of your job that requires special expertise that you could teach me?
- How could I show others what I have learned at this job?
- Is it okay if I photograph or videotape you doing your job?
- Is it okay if I photograph or videotape myself doing a part of the job?
- Are there any resources you use from which I could learn?