

## Sample Informational Interview Questions

- What was it like to be a Terry Scholar at your school?
- How has being a Terry Scholar impacted you?
- How have you stayed involved as a Terry Alum?
- Have you mentored any other Terry Scholars?
  
- How did you become interested in this field?
- How did you begin your career?
- How relevant to your work is your undergraduate major?
- Did you need to earn any special certifications?
- What has been your career path from graduation to your current job?
- If you could do it all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? If not, what would you change?
  
- What are your main responsibilities as a \_\_\_\_\_?
- What is a typical day (or week) like for you?
- What do you like most about your work?
- What do you like least about your work?
- What kinds of problems do you deal with?
- What kinds of decisions do you make?
- How does your position fit within your organization or industry?
- What skills, abilities, and personal attributes are essential to success in your job/this field?
- How does your job affect your general lifestyle?
  
- What steps would you recommend I take to prepare to enter this field?
- Where might you find job listings for this industry?
- What are the most effective strategies for seeking a position in this field?
- What current issues and trends in the field should I know about/be aware of?
- What kinds of accomplishments tend to be valued and rewarded in this field?
- What degree plan or certifications do employers look for in an ideal candidate?
- What kind of work/internship experience do employers look for in a job applicant? How can a person obtain these?
- Is mobility a necessary factor for success?
  
- What related fields do you think I should consider looking into?
- Can you recommend trade journals, magazines or professional associations which would be helpful for my professional development?
- Are there “key words” or “buzz words” that should be included in a resume or on a cover letter when job hunting in this field?
- Do you have any suggestions for other valuable sources of information?
- Are there other important questions or information that was not discussed that would be helpful in learning about this career field or in finding employment?