



Sample Questions To Ask Alumni Advisors

Entry Level Career Professionals (0-2 years of post-undergraduate work experience):

- * How do I determine the work culture of an organization?
- * I have a lot of internships from college, how much experience does that give me?
- * Which classes were best for building basic research skills?
- * Which classes would you recommend for building technical skills required at your workplace?
- * Do you think I should do an internship to enter your field?
- * Do you look at student organization experience as “real experience”?
- * Which student organizations can provide me with opportunities to take a leadership role?
- * I have an idea for an organization I want to start; where should I begin?

Early Career Professionals (2-10 years of post-undergraduate work experience):

- * I am making a career pivot to this sector; how do you see my experience contributing to your organization?
- * What class will give me the best information about entering this sector?
- * How can I build a professional network in this field?
- * I’m looking for autonomy in my work; what does that look like in your organization?
- * I am focused in CA, what organizations in your sector are located there?
- * What are the opportunities for growth and development at your organization?
- * I have an idea for an organization I want to start; what resources would you recommend?
- * Looking ahead at development trends within your sector, what skills do you think are becoming increasingly valuable?

Mid-Career Professionals (10-20 years of post-undergraduate work experience):

- * How do the benefits compare between this sector and the sector that I am leaving?
- * An internship doesn’t seem like a good opportunity for someone with my level of experience. How can I approach an organization in your sector for project work?
- * I have 10 years of teaching experience; how can I talk about my transferrable skills in your sector?
- * I have not worked in education before but have strong management skills. Which classes will help me talk about your sector in a more meaningful way?
- * As someone with a lot of experience, what campus experiences would be best for me?
- * Can you describe work-life balance amongst employees within your organization/sector?
- * What are some typical roles for which a person with 10-20 years of experience may be considered?
- * I have an idea for an organization I want to start; what resources would you recommend?

Senior-Career Professionals (20 + years of post-undergraduate work experience):

- * How collaborative do you find the staff/faculty?
- * What entrepreneurial resources are available?
- * Where can I connect with more experienced students and alumni?
- * How do I sell my previous experience to this sector?
- * How do I leverage my extensive experience into a new role and industry?
- * Would you recommend cross-registration for courses? (e.g. MIT, HBS, etc)