

## Questions to Ask Your Mentor



### General Career Exploration

How did you decide on this career?

What was your major and how have you used this in your position(s)?

How does this career fit your interests, values, and skills?

What skills are most important for success?

What kind of person does well in this industry/company?

What are your main duties?

What skills do you use most in your position?

What is the normal background for someone in your role?

What is a typical day for you in your position?

What are your favorite/least favorite parts of your job?

### Internship/Job Search Strategy

What are methods and resources for getting internships/jobs in this industry/company?

What resources would you recommend I use to find an internship/job in this industry?

Who else would you recommend I talk with about employment in this industry/company?

### Specific Organization

How would you characterize the work culture/environment in this setting?

Can you share with me the structure of the department or division and how it fits into the total organization?

What do you like most/least about working for this company?

### Specific Industry

How did your time at OCU (inside and outside the classroom) prepare you?

What are some of the challenges?

What experiences should I engage in to be better prepared?

How is this field/industry changing?

What are some typical entry level jobs?

How do you work your way up in this industry?

What are some of the internship and job search strategies you recommend?