Informational Interviews – Sample Questions

• How did you get into this field? What is your educational background? What was your career path to your current position?
• How did you get your job? What are the other job search methods that are useful in this field? What are typical entry-level positions?
• Are there any courses/types of jobs/volunteer positions you would recommend as preparation for this field?
• Do you think this field is expanding or stable? Are there any significant changes you can foresee regarding this industry?
• Can you give me a description of a typical day?
• What are the challenges and rewards of your position?
• What skills/qualities do I need to be successful?
• Are there associations in the field to contact or professional journals that you recommend subscribing to?
• Whom else might I talk to for more information?
• How does the organization support and encourage equity, diversity and inclusion? Do they have specific programs and opportunities?