

# **Sample Information Interview Questions**

### About the Industry

- 1. What kinds of experience, paid or unpaid, would you encourage someone pursuing a career in this field?
- 2. What do you consider to be the significant trends in the field right now?
- 3. What do you see as some of the major challenges or changes facing this industry?
- 4. What are some types of positions in this field?
- 5. Can you recommend any professional journals, associations or organizations related to this field that might be helpful?
- 6. What can you tell me about the employment outlook in your occupational field?
- 7. What impresses you in a resume from someone applying for a career in this field?
- 8. What qualifications, experience, do you look for when interviewing new people in this field?

#### **About the Position/Person**

- 1. What personal attributes do you think are essential for success in this position?
- 2. For you, what part of this job is most satisfying? most challenging?
- 3. What are your responsibilities in this position?
- 4. What does an average day look like for you in this position?
- 5. What training/education has proved to be the most valuable to you in your work?
- 6. How did you get this job, and what kinds of experiences helped you most?
- 7. How does your job fit with your lifestyle?
- 8. Knowing what you know now, what advice do you have for getting into this work?
- 9. If you had to do it over, would you stay in the same industry?

#### **About the Working Environment & Company**

- 1. How would you describe your working environment?
- 2. What can you tell me about the corporate culture?
- 3. How does your company differ from its competitors?
- 4. What is a typical career path in this organization?
- 5. Why did you decide to work for this company?

## \*\*Important questions to ask at the end of the interview

- 1. Who else could you recommend I speak to?
  - a. Would it be ok if I used your name?
- 2. Would it be ok with you if I keep in touch?