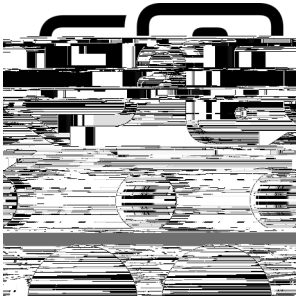


Informational Interviews



What is an Informational Interview?

Informational interviews give you a chance to learn more about a specific field and network. During the interview, you can ask questions about entering the field, meet professionals in an organization, and

Step 1: RESEARCH



Utilize your network:

- x Ask professors, friends, family, and coworkers if they know someone in the field you are interested in
- x Schedule an appointment with a Career Coach in Career Services for connections they have with local employers
- x Use LinkedIn to research specific companies and find employees in the field

Step 2: CONTACT



- x Call, email, or send a LinkedIn private message to an industry professional introducing yourself. Ask for a brief session to meet either in person or over the phone.

Example:

Dear Mr. Jones,

My name is Adriana Smith. I am currently going to school at Montgomery County Community College for an \$ V V R F L D W H · V ' H J U H H L Q & R P S X W H U 6 F L class in compuk 5C>9<0003>9<0 M

Step 3: PREPARE



- x Research the company and take notes. You can bring your notes to reference during your interview. Make sure that you have goals for what you want to get out of the interview and ask questions that will help you achieve those goals.

Personal Career Path

x How did you become interested in this field?

x What advice do you wish someone told you when you were starting off?