Sample Questions

Remember—this is your time to really explore a career; therefore, it is necessary to prepare for the day. Below you will find a list of sample questions to ask your host—but make sure to research and ask specific questions about the organization, industry and individual.

Industry:

- What are the current challenges faced by this industry? What changes do you see in this area within the next 5-10 years?
- What kinds of experience would you suggest that someone pursue to make them more marketable in this field?
- Can you recommend any websites, professional journals, conferences/workshops, or professional associations related to this industry/your line of work?

Organization:

- How has your company kept up with technology and progressive business management techniques?
- What challenges are currently faced by you/your department/organization?
- Where do you see this organization in the next 5-10 years?
- Does the organization offer opportunities for advancement?
- What do you like best/least about working for this organization?
- Do you ever utilize interns in this office? If so, what is the nature of the responsibility of the interns? If you do use interns, are there current openings, or when might there be openings?

Individual:

- What education and career path did you take to get where you are?
- What are the qualifications and educational requirements for this type of work?
- How will your current position lead to future advancement? What are some things you would need to do to continue to grow in your field?
- What do you see as the pros and cons of this type of work? What do you like best/least?
- What factors would make one fail or succeed in this type of work?
- If you had known then what you know now, is there anything you would have done differently?