Preparing for AMP Career Chats

AMP Career Chats is an opportunity that allows students to have an open conversation with alumni and professional mentors. Students can learn from a professional about their diverse career paths and get advice on college to career transition.

Here are steps to consider:

**Step 1**
What do you want to learn?

- Evaluate your career interests, skills and values
- Identify an occupation/industry you want to learn more about
- Consider how a professional can offer you insight into a career field

**Step 2**
Do your research

- Review the professional’s background in their AMP and/or LinkedIn profiles
- Research the companies they have worked for and where they currently work
- Review the company’s mission statement, types of services provided, and demographic information (location, size, etc.)

**Step 3**
Create your questions

- Questions to ask include information about the professional’s background, work environment, company benefits, industry advice, and job market
- Create well-thought-out questions (See the back page for examples)
- Prepare to ask questions in a professional manner

**Step 4**
Prepare and follow-up

- When conducting your informational interview, remember to dress professionally—business casual recommended
- Arrive 10–15 minutes early
- Be polite to everyone you meet and make a good impression
- Follow up with a thank you note
Example Questions for AMP Career Chats
Please note that you are encouraged to also come up with your own questions.

(1) Tell me about your career development journey. What steps did you take to get to where you are today?

(2) Did you encounter any setbacks or obstacles early in your career and what did you do to address them? How did that help you develop?

(3) What are some things I should know about the transition from college to the professional world?

(4) What was your college major and how did it prepare you for this position?

(5) How does your position fit within the organization/industry/career field?

(6) What do you like most and least about your position?

(7) What are some of the current issues related to this field?

(8) What resources should I be using to help me develop my professionalism?