

Career Exploration Conversation Prompts

Below is a list of example questions you can ask yourself to help start your career exploration journey.

1. What is important to you?
2. What is your dream job?
3. Would you rather work indoors or outside?
4. Would you rather wear a consistent uniform every day or wear professional work clothes?
5. Would you rather work alone on a project or work with a team?
6. Would you rather have a workday that changes each day or have set tasks that stay the same?
7. Would you rather have regular feedback and interaction with your supervisor or work independently and have little feedback from your supervisor?
8. Would you rather work close to home or travel away from home for work?
9. Would you rather be your own boss or work for someone else?
10. Would you rather be poor and work at a job you love or be rich and work at a job you hate?
11. What jobs are within your acceptable zone of alternatives?
12. What career paths can you cross off your list?
13. How do you want to be remembered?
14. What impact do you want to make on the world?
15. What do you spend your time thinking about?
16. What excites you enough to keep you awake at night or get you out of bed in the morning?
17. What do you have to offer others?
18. What comes naturally to you?
19. How do you like to spend your time?
20. What are your favorite classes, and why?
21. Who do you look up to? What about them inspires or motivates you?
22. What are your strengths?
23. What activities make you happy?
24. When do you feel most comfortable?
25. What are the biggest lessons you have learned so far?
26. If you were guaranteed success, what would you do?
27. When have you been most inspired, most motivated?
28. If I had a magic wand, what would you do for a year?
29. What type of lifestyle do you want to live when you are older?
30. Where do you want to live?
31. What will you need to do in order to get the lifestyle you want?
32. What qualities, attitudes, and ideas make you different from others?
33. What is your purpose for pursuing a bachelor's degree? Or postsecondary degree?
34. What are some things you enjoy doing that you are not doing now?
35. What obstacles have you identified that may impede your success (geography, work-life, skill sets, fears, too much accountability, etc.)? Which of them are you willing to change?