

Project Blueprint – Interview Questionnaire

Background & Early Influences

These questions help uncover where you came from and what early experiences shaped your personality, interests, and values.

1. Where did you grow up, and what experiences shaped your early interests?
2. What were you like in high school—academically, socially, or with extracurriculars?
3. Did you have a dream job growing up?
4. Who influenced you most when you were young?
5. What's one challenge from your childhood or teenage years that changed you?

Education Journey

This section explores your educational decisions—why you chose certain paths, what you learned, and how those experiences influenced your career.

6. What made you choose your college (or choose a different path)?
7. What did you major in, and why?
8. Was college useful for your career, or did you learn more on the job?
9. What class, teacher, or project had the biggest impact on you?
10. If you could redo your education, what would you change?

Early Career Development

These questions highlight how you entered your field, the challenges you faced, and the moments that shaped your early career direction.

11. What was your very first job?
12. How did you get your foot in the door in your current field?
13. What early mistake taught you the most?
14. What was the biggest barrier you faced starting out?
15. Did you have mentors or people who helped you along the way?

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Current Role

This section helps students understand what your job looks like day-to-day—what you actually do, what you enjoy, and what's difficult.

16. What is your current job title?
17. How would you explain your job to a high school student?
18. What does a normal day or week look like for you?
19. What part of your job do you enjoy most?
20. What part is the most difficult or stressful?

Skills, Decision-Making & Professional Growth

These questions focus on the skills, habits, and choices that help people advance and succeed in your field.

21. What skills are essential in your line of work?
22. Which skills did you have to learn the hard way?
23. What habits or qualities help someone excel in this profession?
24. How do you make difficult decisions in your job?
25. What's something people misunderstand about your field?

Career Turning Points

This section uncovers major moments, risks, and transitions that shaped your career over time.

26. What has been your biggest career turning point?
27. Have you ever switched fields or considered quitting?
28. What's the biggest risk you've taken in your career?
29. What accomplishment are you most proud of?
30. What setback or failure changed the direction of your career?

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Industry Perspective

These questions help students understand what's happening in your industry and how it may change in the future.

- 31. How is your industry changing right now?
- 32. What skills or roles do you think will be most wanted in the future?
- 33. Is job stability an issue in your field?
- 34. How competitive is your industry?
- 35. How do people typically move up or advance?

Work-Life Balance & Personal Values

This section explores your values, motivations, and the way you balance your career with the rest of your life.

- 36. How do you manage stress or avoid burnout?
- 37. What does “success” mean to you now?
- 38. How do your values influence your work?
- 39. What do you wish more people understood about your life outside of work?
- 40. What keeps you motivated?

Practical Career Advice

These questions give students concrete information about entering your field—salary expectations, required experiences, and advice.

- 41. What is a realistic starting salary for someone entering your field?
- 42. What does the job market look like for new graduates?
- 43. What should high school or college students focus on if they want this career?
- 44. What experiences (internships, projects, networking) matter most?
- 45. What is one thing you wish every student knew before choosing this path?

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Reflection & Future Goals

This final section offers deeper insight into your long-term goals and what you've learned about yourself through your career.

- 46. What's a moment when you realized you were on the right (or wrong) career path?
- 47. How has your career shaped the person you've become?
- 48. If you could give your younger self one piece of advice, what would it be?
- 49. What are your goals for the next 5–10 years?
- 50. What final message or insight would you want students to take away from your story?