

Suggested questions for networking events

Starter Questions for Mentors/Alumni at Networking Events:

- How can I be helpful to you?
- Tell me about what you're currently working on
- Why did you choose the MEng program?
- How did you get into your field/major?
- What is the most interesting thing you've done at Berkeley this year?

Starter Questions for Job Seekers/Networkers:

Questions about career path/training:

- How did you get into your field/major?
- Why did you choose to attend the MEng program?
- What has your career path been like to date? Is it representative of most people in this kind of position?
- What are the future prospects in this field? What trends do you see developing over the next few years?
- What would be a typical next career move for someone in your position?
- What advice would you have liked to have heard when you were starting out?
- What other fields or jobs would you suggest I research?
- What do you see as the major issues/ trends in the field today?
- What resources/books/journals would you recommend that I read?

Questions about their current position and responsibilities:

- What does a typical day/week in your job look like?
- What do you enjoy the most about your job? The least?
- What skills have you found essential for success in your position?
- Could you tell me about one of the main challenges you face in this position?
- What do you wish you had known about your position/the field before you started?

Questions about working conditions:

- How many hours do you work in a typical week?
- How much autonomy do you have in terms of what you focus on at work?
- What kind of supervision or mentorship did you have when you were starting out? Now?
- How is your performance evaluated?
- What kind of professional development opportunities are available?

Other:

- What is your favorite restaurant in Berkeley/ Bay Area?
- What movies/shows have you watched lately?
- What do you like to do for fun outside of work?