

# CAS MENTOR NETWORK

## Questions to Ask Your Mentor



1. Why did you choose OSU?
2. Tell me about your time at OSU.
3. What was your major?
4. Why did you choose your major?
5. Were you involved in any clubs/organizations during college?
6. Are you where you thought you'd be by this point when you were in college?
7. What is your current job?
8. What do you enjoy most about your job?
9. What has your career path looked like up until this point?
10. Is there anything you would've done differently in your career, if you could go back?
11. What inspires you?
12. Have you ever had to handle a difficult boss? What do you think is the best way to navigate that type of situation?
13. Have you ever applied for a job you weren't qualified for and gotten it? How did you make up for the areas in which you were lacking?
14. What is the most meaningful part of your job?
15. What did you struggle with most when graduating college?
16. Do you have a mentor? If you do, how have they helped you?
17. How did you prepare for your career while you were still in college?
18. What do you enjoy doing outside of work?
19. What career accomplishments do you take the most pride in?
20. What challenges have you faced the most in your career journey?
21. What surprised you about life after college the most?
22. What advice would you give if you could go back and talk to yourself when you were in my position?
23. What was the hardest part of getting your start?
24. What brings you the most fulfillment when working?
25. What does your office look like? For example, do you work in a high rise or out in the field?
26. Have you had to travel for work? If so, how have you managed that?
27. What do you do when you feel yourself getting overwhelmed at work?
28. What has been your favorite part about working?
29. Are you in your dream career or are you still working on finding your way?
30. Are there any other jobs you want to try in your lifetime?
31. What habits have you developed that help you to be a better worker?
32. What do you look for the most in your job? Do you feel like that has changed over time?
33. What is the best way to build your network?
34. What/who do you attribute your success to?
35. Have you ever had to hire someone? If so, what do you look for in an employee?
36. How can I tell if a company has a good work culture?
37. Have you ever taken a risk in your career? If so, did it work out for you?
38. How do you manage your work-life balance?
39. Did you prefer working or being in school?
40. Did you work while you were in school?

