

**JA CareerIgnite**  
**Suggested List of Questions For Guest Speakers**

Questions of General Interest

1. Why did you choose this job?
2. How many years have you been working on your job? How many more years do you plan on working at your job?
3. Do you enjoy your job?
4. Can you describe your typical day? What is your favorite part?
5. When did you know you wanted to do this job? How did you know?
6. Are there any limitations to your personal and/or social life because of your job?
7. Are there a lot of openings for your type of jobs? Will there be in the future?
8. What is the most satisfying part of your job?
9. What are some things you don't like about your job?
10. What are some soft skills that someone should have going into your job?
11. What tips do you have for someone who wants to do what you do? Or any tips in general for entering the workforce?
12. What are the standards of dress at your job? What is the purpose of those standards?

Questions on Education and Training

1. What level of education does your job require?
2. What high school classes might relate to your career? What were your favorite classes?
3. Does your job change often? How do you update your knowledge and skills?

Questions on Working Conditions

1. How many days/hours a week do you work?
2. Do you belong to a union? If so, can you explain that?
3. How does vacation time work?
4. What sort of tools and technology do you use? Is any of that at your own expense?
5. Are there many promotions available? What must be done to be promoted?
6. Do you ever get transferred? If so, do you have any choice?
7. How many people and what kinds of people do you interact with?
8. Do you work for a boss or for yourself? What is that like?
9. Are there any health hazards in your job?
10. What is your work environment like? indoors/outdoors, etc.
11. Do you have to travel much for your career?

Questions on Money

1. What is an average or starting salary for someone in your field of work?
2. Is overtime an option?
3. Are you paid by the hour, salary, commission, etc?
4. Will you receive a pension when you retire? What will that be like?
5. How is your job affected by the economy?
6. What benefits do you receive?