

# Example questions & conversation starters

Here are some example questions to ask during a job interview or to help start a conversation at a networking event. Asking thoughtful questions is a great way to stand out!



Student Career Services

Subject	Examples questions
<b>Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Could you tell me something about your organisation?</li><li>• What is your role in this organisation?</li><li>• What made you decide to participate in this network event?</li></ul>
<b>Function specific</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What kind of open positions do you have?</li><li>• Is it possible to do an internship at your organisation?</li><li>• What kind of tasks can I expect to be working on as an intern/employee?</li><li>• How does a typical day of work at your organisation/department looks like?</li><li>• Can you describe the typical career path for someone in [specific function] at your organisation?</li><li>• What are some of the challenges someone in this role will face?</li><li>• How does this role support the company's goals for [year]?</li><li>• What's the team's top priority right now?</li><li>• How do you measure success for this position?</li><li>• Can you explain why this position is open?</li></ul>
<b>Company specific</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What makes your organisation different from the competition?</li><li>• What kind of projects is your organisation currently working on?</li><li>• Are there any upcoming projects that you are excited about?</li><li>• What does your organisation do in terms of [value]?</li><li>• Which are the biggest challenges the industry/your organisation are currently facing?</li><li>• I noticed [X] happened recently, do you expect that this will affect the industry/your organisation?</li><li>• What is the number one goal of your organisation/department in the next year?</li><li>• How does your organisation use tech tools to streamline workflows?</li><li>• Are any WUR alumni working at your organisation?</li></ul>
<b>Company culture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Could you describe the company culture?</li><li>• Would you describe your organisation as formal or informal, and why?</li><li>• What do you like best about working at your organisation?</li><li>• What is the onboarding process like for new employees?</li><li>• What has your favourite day or moment on the job been so far, and why?</li><li>• I saw on the website that [value] is a big priority for your organisation, can you tell me more about how this is implemented in the company culture?</li><li>• How does your company support work-life balance for employees?</li><li>• How would you describe the company's approach to flexible work?</li></ul>
<b>Experiences/Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Which skills does your organisation value among their applicants?</li><li>• Which skills are important to gain, in your opinion?</li><li>• What is the current skill gap that your team is experiencing?</li><li>• What kind of work/extracurricular experiences would you advise me to gain?</li><li>• Is international work experience important/an added value in your organisation?</li><li>• Do you perceive that having studied abroad is an added value among your applicants?</li></ul>

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- Are professional/personal development opportunities available within your organisation?

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**Closure**

- May I contact you with further questions?
  - What are the best ways to stay informed about your organisation's latest news and job openings?
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