

# Alumni Connect – Introduction Questions

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When starting a new conversation, the first message can often be the trickiest. Below are a list of questions created to make the initial message easier for you to start the conversation.

While these questions are great to start the conversation, remember that you still need to introduce yourself in the message. This message should also include key information such as your name, the course you've completed and your ambitions for your career.

**Note:** *You can modify the question to better match your tone and make it sound more organic.*

## Mentee asking Mentor Questions

- I've just graduated in [ADD YOUR COURSE HERE] and I'm looking for someone to help me get my first job in [ROLE OR INDUSTRY HERE]. Can you give me some advice?
- What do you love most about your job?
- What do you think was the most important factor in getting your job?
- I'm at a stage where I'm exploring various paths in [ADD DESIRED INDUSTRY/FIELD]. Could you share how you made pivotal decisions throughout your career?
- Could you share some of the key lessons you've learned from your professional journey? I'm eager to understand what values have guided your success.

## Mentor asking Mentee Questions

- I'm excited to learn more about your journey and goals. To start, could you share what inspired you to pursue a degree in [ADD YOUR COURSE HERE], and how you see it shaping your career?
- What motivated you to pursue your degree in [ADD YOUR COURSE HERE], and how do you see it shaping your career path?
- Are there any challenges you're currently facing in your job search or career planning that you'd like to discuss?
- I'm looking forward to our mentoring relationship and want to ensure it's valuable for you. What do you hope to gain from our discussions, and how can we best structure our conversations to meet those goals?
- What steps have you taken so far in your job search, and where do you feel you could use more support?
- Is there a particular aspect of the industry you're curious about or would like to learn more about?
- Networking can be a powerful tool in building your career. Have you started connecting with professionals in your desired industry. would you like some advice on that?
- Are there any areas of your skillset you'd like to develop further? How can I support you in that?

- There's a lot to learn about the industry, and I'm happy to share insights from my experience. Is there a particular aspect of the industry you're curious about or would like to discuss in depth?

## Starting the conversation

**SAM:** Hi Alex. Hope you're doing well. My name is Sam, and I have just graduated with a degree in Data Science. I'm looking for my first role as a data analyst in the tech industry, and I'm hoping you could help me. Could you share what helped you the most in reaching your current role?

**ALEX:** Hi Sam! It's great to see your message, and congratulations on your recent graduation. In my experience, the key factors that helped me reach my current role were gaining practical experience through internships and building a strong portfolio of projects that highlighted my skills. I also made a point to network with professionals in the industry, which opened many doors for me. What specific steps have you taken so far in your job search?