Wake Forest Connects
Round Table Discussion Questions for Alumni

Work Environment
How would you describe your work environment?
What portion of your job involves interacting with others, including co-workers and clients?
What are your biggest challenges or problems you must deal with?

Organization/Company
How does the work of your group/division/office fit into the work of the organization?
What is the average length of time employees stay with the organization?
What sets your organization apart from similar ones in this industry?

Job Description
How does your position fit into the structure of the organization?
Describe a typical day.
What aspects of your job do you find most interesting? Least enjoyable?

Industry
What are the challenges facing this industry today?
Who do you consider to be leaders in this industry?
How do you view the current state of the industry?

Career Path
What were the positions you had that led to this one?
What are typical entry level jobs in this field?
What are the best jobs in this field for career advancement?

Preparation
Are there any specific courses I might take that would be particularly useful in this field?
What advice would you give to someone planning to enter this field?
Is the degree I’m working on/I have suitable?

Job Search Strategies
What was the best advice you received when you started in in this field?
Are there any professional groups in the field that you recommend I join?
How do most people enter this field?
Do you have any suggestions for my job or internship search strategy?

Stay Connected
Do you mind if I stay in touch with you? What is the best way to stay in touch?
Is there anyone else in the field/organization with whom you suggest I speak?

Always thank the individual for their time and follow-up with a thank you note or email!