

INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS

DEFINITION

Informational interviews are conversations with particular individuals about their work in the programs, jobs, or organizations in which you are interested. An informational interview is the most valuable sources of occupational information because it presents opportunities for an intimate and flexible inside view of a job field unmatched by other sources.

PURPOSE

To gather factual career-related information and advice about an organization, job, and related professional concerns that are not available from written sources.

To check your understanding in the particular job and organization.

To learn the professional vocabularies or technical terms of the particular job.

To create contacts and build relationships wi