

Student Guide to WiEconnect Career Talks with Industry Leaders

What to expect?

You will meet with a limited number of industry leaders/mentees in a 20-minute session consisting of a series of short conversations about specific questions. At the start and end of each “Career Talks’ round, a bell will ring. The industry leader will move to the next table.

Students should share with the industry leader the following:

- Name
- Major/Degree
- Career and/or Life Aspirations and Goals

Suggested questions that students can ask industry leaders:

- What characteristics do you look for in a new engineer?
- If you could give one piece of job hunting advice to new graduates, what would it be?
- What was instrumental for you in landing your first professional job?
- What is one characteristic that you believe every leader should possess?
- What is one mistake you witness leaders making more frequently than others?
- What is the one behavior or trait that you have seen derail more leaders’ careers?
- What advice would you give someone going into a leadership position for the first time?
- What has been your most rewarding accomplishment?
- If you could do it all again, what would you do differently?
- What’s the best advice you can give to help plan a career rather than simply work to keep a job?
- Do you have a mentor? How have they influenced you?
- How and where do you find inspiration?
- As a leader, what opportunities have you chosen to participate in, and what have you turned down when it comes to being involved in the community?
- What talents or strengths do you rely on most in your daily life as a leader?
- What’s the biggest mistake you ever made? What did you learn from it?