General Questions to Ask

1. What is unique about your campus? Your programs?
2. What kind of student is successful at your school?
4. Could you tell me more about student life on campus (student organizations, campus support services).
5. What is the academic profile of a competitive applicant for admission to your college? What are the average GPA and test scores? What tests do you require for admission (GRE, GMAT, MCAT, etc)?
6. When is the application deadline?
7. Is there an early admission deadline?
8. What is the application process/timeline (application materials, interview)?
9. How much does the program cost (tuition, student fees, housing etc.)?
10. Are students admitted in both the fall and spring semesters?
11. How many letters of recommendation do you need? What type of length of personal statement do you require?
12. What additional experience (volunteer, internship, work) do I need to be competitive? How many years?
13. Do you provide scholarships? Fellowships? Teaching assistantships? Other financial assistance?
14. Do you offer housing for graduate students? What percentage of graduate students live on-campus?
15. Is it possible to work full-time and complete the degree as a part-time student?
16. Do you provide joint degrees?
17. What advice would you give someone who wants to apply to your school/program?
18. How might I improve my chances for admission?
Questions to ask about the Field of Study

19. How much does the program cost?
20. Will I complete an internship as part of the program?
21. How much choice will I have about where I do my internship?
22. How big is the department/program (faculty and students)?
23. What is your average class size?
24. Could you tell me more about the facilities (labs, lecture rooms, etc.)
25. Is a thesis, dissertation, or comprehensive examination (s) required for completion of the degree?
26. Will I be able to take electives to pursue other areas of interest?
27. What is the projected size of the entering class?
28. Do you reserve spots for in-state residents?
29. How long does it take a student to graduate from your program on average? What is the attrition rate?
30. Will completion of the program meet the educational requirements for licensure or certification needed to enter a particular occupation?
31. Where are the graduates of the program employed?
32. What percentage of your graduates are employed in a relevant field within six months to one year of graduation?
33. What type of career/jobs and salaries are available to graduates of your program?
34. Do you offer career counseling and job placement assistance?
35. Who may I contact from the department to learn more information about the program (faculty, student, alumni)?
36. Do you have any departmental open houses or information sessions?
37. Would it be possible for me to arrange a campus visit in which I could meet with admissions representatives, current students, and faculty?


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