



STEAM Professional Interview

Go beyond the classroom. Talk to a real professional. Discover your future.

HOW TO USE THIS TEMPLATE: Find a professional in any field of interest to you: a family friend, a LinkedIn connection, or a school contact. Set up a short interview (in person, by phone, or via email). Use the 10 starter questions below, then add your own. Bring this sheet back to class!

PART 1: About Your Interview

Your Name:

Date of Interview:

Interview Format (circle one): In Person / Phone or Video Call / Email / Other:

Professional's Name:

Professional's Job Title:

Company / Organization / Institution:

STEAM Field (circle all that apply): Science / Technology / Engineering / Arts / Math

How did you find or connect with this professional?

PART 2: 10 Starter Questions

These questions are conversation starters. Feel free to follow up, dig deeper, and go off-script!

1 What is your job title, and what does your company or organization do?



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2 What is a typical day or week like in your role?

3 How did you get interested in your STEAM field? Was there a moment that sparked it?

4 What education or training did you need to get here and what surprised you about the journey?

5 What skills do you use most in your work that you did NOT expect to need?

6 What is the hardest problem you've had to solve at work, and how did you approach it?

7 What does collaboration look like on your team? Who do you work with most?



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How is your work making a difference in the world or in your community?

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What are the biggest challenges or changes happening in your field right now?

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What advice would you give to a student who is curious about your career?

★ BONUS Questions (Use if You Have Time!)

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If you could go back and tell your younger self one thing about this career path, what would it be?

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What is something about your job that most people would be surprised to learn?

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Is there a book, podcast, or resource that has shaped how you think about your work?



PART 3: My Own Questions

Write 2–3 questions you came up with yourself before the interview. What are YOU most curious about?

My Question 1:

Answer:

My Question 2:

Answer:

My Question 3:

Answer:

PART 4: Reflection

After the interview, take a few minutes to reflect. There are no wrong answers here, just honest thinking.

The most surprising thing I learned was...



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A connection I noticed between this career and something I learned in school:

After this conversation, I feel more curious about...

One action I could take to explore this field further:

TEACHER NOTES & ASSIGNMENT GUIDE

This template works as a standalone homework assignment. Students can interview family members, employers, LinkedIn professionals, or school/community contacts. Ideal for career exploration, research skills, and real-world STEAM connections.

Suggested Grade Levels Grades 5–12 (adaptable)	Estimated Completion Time 30–60 min interview + 15 min reflection
Tie to STEAM Career Companion Use after any Curious Career Companion class discussion	Extension Ideas Present to class, create a podcast, write a profile essay



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