

# ASK ME ANYTHING

## A UCR FACULTY SERIES

STUDENTS WHO TALKED TO CAMPUS FACULTY AND STAFF ABOUT CAREER OPTIONS REPORTED GREATER CONFIDENCE IN THEIR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO ENTER THE WORKFORCE THAN THOSE THAT DIDN'T.\*

THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR FACULTY LIKE YOU TO SHARE YOUR COLLEGE TO CAREER STORY WITH YOUR STUDENTS. IN JUST FOUR SESSIONS (OUTLINED BELOW), YOU CAN PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND BUILD CONFIDENCE TO HELP HIGHLANDERS PREPARE TO ACHIEVE THEIR CAREER GOALS.

*\*Strada-Gallup 2017 College Student Survey*

### WEEK ONE - 15 MINS

#### CAREER JOURNEY

Share your personal and professional career journey (the challenges and successes) and invite students to ask you anything about your path!

### WEEK THREE - 1 HOUR

#### INDUSTRY + ACADEMIC PATHWAYS PANEL

*(Supported by the Career Center)*

- Showcase options for applying an area of study in different careers.
- Help students differentiate academic and industry career paths.
- Invite students to ask professionals anything about career options in their field!

### WEEK FIVE - 15 MINS

#### Networking Strategies

Guide students in activating their UCR network and share strategies for getting to know professionals in their field. Invite students to ask you anything about your best networking strategies!

### WEEK SEVEN - 30 MINS

#### JOB SEARCH TOOL KIT

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Empower students with the value of crafting a tailored resume and cover letter to make a great first impression as well as how to ace an interview to land the job! Invite students to ask you and their career specialist anything about how to stand out as a top candidate in their field!

### AMA Format

- Schedule class time to include *Ask Me Anything* topics
- **TIP:** give students a chance to submit questions anonymously

### Sample Faculty Talking Points

- What was your college experience like?
- How did you make your career decision?
- What paths and opportunities exist in your field?
- How have you developed and utilized your network?
- What are your best tips for standing out as a candidate?

### Sample Student Questions

- What skills or talents do you consider most essential to be successful in this career?
- What types of research/internships/part-time jobs would you suggest before entering this field?
- What would you do differently if you had to attend college all over again?
- What would you do the same?

### Campus Resources

*Academic Resource Center*

*Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)*

*Basic Needs*

*Student Affairs*

*Case Management*

*Career Center*

*Office of Alumni Engagement*

**TIP:** The Career Center can assist with professional panelists

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