



# QUESTIONS TO ASK UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS OFFICERS

**What sets your school apart from other universities?**

**What makes a student successful at your university?**

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- ✓ What are you looking for in an applicant?
- ✓ What makes students stand out in the application process?
- ✓ Do students apply to the university or to a particular school/department/major?
- ✓ Are there different admissions requirements for different departments or majors?
- ✓ What is the best video tour of your school?

## SCHOOL ACADEMICS

- ✓ Tell me about your undergraduate program in...(engineering, pre-med, nursing, history)
- ✓ Do you have a required core curriculum across all majors? If yes, what does this look like?
- ✓ What type of academic support is offered for freshmen?
- ✓ Are there academic support services on campus such as tutoring and writing centers?
- ✓ Do students find the classes rigorous?
- ✓ What percentage of students graduate in 4 years?
- ✓ How accessible are professors? What are some examples of professor/student interactions outside of the classroom for both under classmen and upper classman?
- ✓ How large are the largest classes? How small are the smallest classes? What is the average class size of a core curriculum class during the first year?
- ✓ When do students need to declare a major?
- ✓ Do all majors have the chance to have internships and are they are common part of the educational experience?
- ✓ Can you tell me about the services the career center offers and what internship/work study opportunities could be available for international students
- ✓ Does your university have a study abroad program? Would financial aid cover study abroad programs? How easy is it to study abroad for a semester and still graduate in 4 years?

## SCHOOL CULTURE

- ✓ What is the school culture like? / How would you characterize the students who come to your school?
- ✓ Is the culture competitive or collaborative?
- ✓ What kind of student would **not** thrive at your university?
- ✓ What do students enjoy most about your school?
- ✓ What are some examples of the most popular clubs and activities available to students?
- ✓ Are sports at the university a significant part of the student experience?
- ✓ What is the social life like on campus?
- ✓ What do students usually do on weekends?
- ✓ Do you have a Greek system on campus? If yes, what percentage of students participate?
- ✓ What are the Residence Halls like?
- ✓ Can students live on campus for 4 years? Can they live off campus?

## FINANCIAL AID

- ✓ Do you provide financial aid for international students? Both merit and need-based aid?
- ✓ Can international students have work/study jobs on campus?

## INTERNATIONAL

- ✓ What kind of support do you have for international students once they have matriculated?