Informational Interviews: No Pressure, Big Benefits

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Is your student hemming and hawing about future plans? Is she thinking about majoring in something she’s just starting to consider? Is he wondering if he made the right choice? Is she trying to figure out what she wants after college? Informational interviews could help them decide on that first step after college.

Informational interviews can help your student get a glimpse of a potential field of interest. They are informal, professional conversations conducted in person, the phone, or virtually with someone who has experience in the industry you’re interested in. Students could talk with current college connections or people in a field of interest.

Informational interviews are a great way to research potential future careers whether your student is far too early, right in between, or already locked in to a path they may have been moving about since elementary school. The informational interview will be valuable: the practice having conversations will be too.

2016-17 Hopfer Undergraduate Research Award
(NAPA) Direct Application Due Soon!

By Mary Lynn Guernsey
Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity

The intent of the Hopfer Undergraduate Research Award (NAPA) program is to encourage greater participation of undergraduate students in research and creative activities, sponsored by a faculty mentor.

Only NAPA awards—more than 50 student awards at 10+ departments—have been awarded for the benefits of these hands-on learning opportunities in laboratories, studios, streets, and field sites.

Application forms and forms are available online at NAU’s website.

Max award: $3,500 for the 2016-17 academic year.

Application period: Monday, Feb. 1, 2016, through Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

For more information about proposal preparation: students can request access to an online tutorial module in LibGuides with slides and tips for preparing a competitive NAPA proposal. Interested students should email parentandfamilyservices@nau.edu to request access to the module, which will be available through May 30, 2016.

Questions? The Office for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity staff are available to answer questions. Contact us at parent@nau.edu (928) 523-6266 or (928) 523-5038.

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