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CAMPUS VISITS: QUESTIONS TO ASK

Once you've decided on a shortlist, it's key to visit the campuses, if possible. You'll be overwhelmed with information, but don't forget to ask questions, too. Current students are one of the best candid sources of information. Talk to a few different ones, not just the tour guide. Consider these questions and add a few of your own. (You can print out this sheet at www.careercoachingcentre.com)

SCHOOL: _____

QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS: What do you like most about this university/college? What's the worst thing about it? _____

What do you wish you had known when you were making your own decision? _____

What are the students like here? _____

What are the classes like? Lots of small discussion groups? Mostly large lectures? _____

Do graduate students or professors teach introductory classes? _____

How often in the last semester have you participated in class or met with a professor outside of class? _____

Where do students study? Where do students hang out on campus? Off campus? On the weekend? _____

How available are clubs and student organization to campus social life? What about sports? _____

QUESTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATORS: What percentage of students go on to graduate or professional schools? _____

What percentage of students graduate in four years? What percentage of first-year students return for sophomore year? _____

What was the average tuition increase over the past five years? _____

When must you declare a major? Can you design your own major? _____

(If applicable) Can you take classes at other schools in the area? _____

Who serves as a student's adviser? Do advisers change each year? _____

What are the living options on campus? Off campus? _____

What percentage of students study abroad at some point during their four years? _____

Additional questions: _____

Contact information (names, phone numbers, E-mail addresses) for students and administrators I met: _____

