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## Good Questions to Ask a Mentor

Here is some fun, quirky questions to break the ice and get to know a different side of your mentor.

- 1. If you could be an animal, what would you be and why?
- 2. What would the title of your autobiography be?
- 3. What was your favorite toy as a child?
- 4. What's an activity you did a lot when you were a child that you wish you could do more of now?
- 5. Do you remember one of the first things (a pet, toy, etc.) you named? Why did you name it that?
- 6. If you could curate a museum gallery, what would you put in it?
- 7. What TV or movie character is most like you, and why?
- 8. If you could combine any two animals, what would they be? What would you call this new animal?

Once you've had some fun with these questions (some responses can be quite telling!), it's time to get a little more insight into your mentor's professional past.

- 1. What was your first-ever job? What did you love and hate about it?
- 2. Did you think you'd find yourself in this industry? If so, when did you know this was the work you'd go into? If not, how did you get here?
- 3. What would be your dream job?
- 4. How do you make yourself happy in your current role/industry?
- 5. What's something you'd like to change about your current role/industry?
- 6. Did you have a mentor at some point in your career? If so, how did s/he help you? If not, why did you never seek one out?
- 7. What led you to become a faculty or staff member at Texas Wesleyan University?
- 8. Knowing what you know now, what advice would you give yourself as a student?

