

## Questions to Ask Your Alumni Host or Student Extern at Your First Meeting

When you begin your externship, whether you are the host or the extern, you may wonder what you should discuss. Hopefully you will be pleasantly surprised about how easily conversation flows with one another. One way to prepare for this meeting is to think of some icebreaker questions. We encourage you to consider the following list or write your own questions! Note that if you ask these questions you should be prepared to answer them too – this is a great way for you to get to know each other!

1. Why did you choose Northwestern?
2. Tell me about your Northwestern experience.
3. Did you paint the Rock?
4. Where did you live freshman year? Where else did you live on campus?
5. Where did you grow up? What is your family like?
6. What is the most important thing you did this year?
7. What are five words a friend would use to describe you?
8. What is a motto you try to live by?
9. What is the greatest challenge you are facing right now professionally?
10. What do you value in a co-worker? Do you value similar or different traits in a manager?
11. Where do you see yourself in five years?
12. What is one goal you have for the next year?
13. What do you want to learn to do better?
14. What do you value most in life?