Science Career Research Project - Adult Interview Handout

Here are several questions to ask someone (do not tell them to write their answers!) whose job is in a science-related career area in which you’re interested. Record the answers you get (on audio-tape or paper), and skip or add questions as you like. This research will help you & your peers decide your goals.

1. What is your name & job title?

2. Where do you work?

3. What do you do most of the time at work?

4. What are the best things about your job?

5. What are the worst things about your job?

6. What are the job opportunities going to be like in your field in the near future?

7. When you were in high school, did you know you would get a job working in science one day? How?

8. Did you like Science in high school? Did you do well in Science?

9. Did your hobbies in high school affect your career choices? How?

10. Did you work when you were in high school? Tell me about that.
11. What special personality traits and/or technical skills does someone really need if they want a job like yours?

12. What things should I do now in high school to prepare for a job in a science-related career?

13. Did you go to college or get any training after high school? Please describe it.

14. How hard was your training for you? What were the biggest challenges? Did you get any help?

15. What was your first job after high school?

16. What other jobs have you had before this one?

17. Did your family want you to go into this career area? Did their wishes help you or make it harder for you? How?

18. What are your career and personal plans now? How do you hope to achieve them?

19. Can you think of other questions I should ask you?

20. Do you have any questions for me?

When pau, don’t forget to say: Mahalo for your time!