

Stakeholder Interview Questions

To prepare for the team project, you will conduct brief interviews with **five** individuals who are stakeholders in the Duke campus environment for master's students, doctoral students, and postdocs. These might include employers or potential employers, faculty members, PIs (Principal Investigators), Directors of Graduate Studies and Directors of Graduate Studies Assistants, master's and Ph.D. alumni, postdoc alumni, and university leadership as well as current master's and doctoral students, current postdocs, prospective master's and doctoral students, and prospective postdocs.

The team projects that emerge from this data collection effort will begin with better information if you survey stakeholders from a number of different categories (i.e., do not rely solely on students or postdocs, as they have only one perspective on this issue). Please consider this assignment an opportunity to grow your professional network.

This information will be used to determine the direction of the team project for the Emerging Leaders Institute. Your interview method can be face-to-face, over Zoom, or by phone. Inform the interviewee that you are participating in the Emerging Leaders Institute and that this information will help you develop a team project that benefits graduate students and postdocs at Duke. **Bring the notes from your interviews with you to the first session.** The ELI cohort will take this information and synthesize the data into team projects with a narrow enough scope to accomplish a change.

Questions

- 1) What is an issue or matter of wide concern to master's students, doctoral students, **and** postdocs at Duke University? This issue is one you believe will improve quality or performance, and/or address a systemic or organizational issue.
- 2) From your perspective, what is working well for master's students, doctoral students, **and** postdocs at Duke University?
- 3) From your perspective, what are barriers to success shared by master's students, doctoral students, **and** postdocs at Duke University?
- 4) What would enhance their experience?
- 5) *Include any additional questions of your own that will assist in developing your team project.*