

# **Questions to Ask to Find a Good College Fit**

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## **THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT**

- What is the average class size for first-year classes versus upper-level courses, and who teaches those courses (professors vs. grad students)?
- Can you describe hands-on learning opportunities on campus?
- What opportunities do students have to do research with faculty or alone?
- What internships have students in my major of interest done in the past?
- What study abroad programs are offered?
- What is the percentage of first-year students who return for their sophomore year?

## **CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY CULTURE**

- Where are your students from geographically? In-state vs. out -of-state vs. outside the U.S.?
- What does diversity look like on your campus?
- What percentage of students live on campus? Is it required?
- What gets students excited on campus? What are the most well-known traditions?
- What student organizations and community service opportunities exist on campus?
- What percentage of students are involved in athletics? What sports do you offer?
- What kind of student would NOT be happy on your campus?

## **RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS**

- How does advising work? How often do I meet with my advisors?
- What safety services are available on campus?
- What level of counseling accommodations and support are available for students who need it?
- What career planning services are available on campus?

## **ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL AID**

- What do you look at when reading applications? What is most important?
- Do you require the ACT or SAT?
- Do you offer merit scholarships and financial aid? How do I qualify?