Questions To Ask

Campus Visit

General Questions

1. Expectations for promotion and tenure
   A. Research
   B. Teaching
   C. Service

2. Resources
   A. Research / grants (including startup funds)
   B. Teaching
   C. Statistical
   D. Technological
   E. Legal
   F. Library

3. Protections and supports
   A. Professional development opportunities
   B. Travel
   C. Teaching load reduction
   D. Reduction in committee expectations
   E. Mentor(s)

4. Community
   A. Demographics / housing
   B. Can I afford to live here?
For the Department

1. General
   A. Why are you interested in me?
   B. Strengths / weaknesses of the department
   C. What are the department's needs over the next five years?
   D. Where is the department headed over the next five years?
   E. Relationships with other departments / colleges / universities / school systems / community / state department
   F. Support from dean / university
   G. Student demographics
   H. Whom do you compete against for students? Other Ed Admin programs in area?

2. Teaching
   A. What would I be teaching?
   B. Is there an opportunity for me to create new courses?

3. Timeline
   A. How many candidates are you bringing in?
   B. Interview / offer timeline
For the Dean

1. General
   A. College’s / university’s commitment to research, teaching, and service
   B. Strengths / weaknesses of the College / department
   C. Inter-departmental relationships
   D. College relationship with outside community

2. Contract
   A. Expectations (and process) for promotion and tenure
      Can I reset my tenure clock?
      Bringing in previous work?
   B. My tech needs
   C. Salaries of incoming professors last year
   D. Benefits
   E. How raises are determined
   F. Travel
   G. Consulting

3. Networking and job opportunities for significant other

4. University housing rental?
For Tech Person

1. T1 (or better) connection to Internet and College network
2. Own IP address
3. 20 Mb space to put web sites (with FrontPage extensions? web surveys?)
4. Personal network space (with 3 logins under password)
5. Shared network space
6. Networked access to and permission to use b/w and color laser printers
7. E-mail
8. Listservs
9. Site licenses

For Law Person

1. Tour of the building
2. Education law resources
3. WestLaw
4. Adjunct possibilities