

When you define your ideal job, you are taking the first step to making your career dream a reality by building a future vision from your perspective and exploring your **interests, values, and talents**. This will help you later when you begin your job search.

Take a moment to visualize your ideal job. Don't think about what you are qualified for or restrict yourself to what is available to you geographically. Do your best to **avoid vision-killers**: fear of ridicule, short-term thinking, narrow focus, tradition-bound choices, or following someone else's career dream. Instead, focus on your true interests and aspirations. Focus on envisioning YOUR ideal job.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

1. If you could do any type of work, regardless of the pay, what would that work be?
2. Do you feel you have a special talent? How can you use your talent through your work?
3. What are activities that you most love to do? How can you incorporate those activities into your job?
4. What hours are you working? Are they always the same, or do they change?
5. Are you working in a corporate office, a cubicle, a home office, a medical facility, a school or university, a laboratory, a warehouse, or other type of work environment?
6. What kind of personality does your supervisor have? Would you prefer to be the boss?
7. Do you work independently or as part of a team?
8. What types of skills are you using? What sort of projects are you working on?
9. How would you describe the company culture?
10. Does your work require travel? How much travel? Do you travel nationally or internationally?

Now, describe your ideal job, then share it with your Career Counselor. Defining your ideal job may take some time, but the clearer you can picture it, the more likely you are to recognize the right fit for you.

MY IDEAL JOB

Having trouble envisioning your ideal job? That's completely normal! Our team has resources to help you explore your interests and how they relate to work. Email us at career.services@fresno.edu to schedule an exploration appointment. Also, check out this additional resource to help you narrow your range of job interests:

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