COMMON QUESTIONS YOU CAN/CANNOT ASK

Subject	OK Questions	Forbidden Questions
Age	May ask whether at least 18 years of age.	Inquiry that suggests preference for younger person
Citizenship	Whether can be employed at time of appointment with valid citizenship/visa status	Whether candidate is a citizen (cannot request materials before employment)
Disability	Whether candidate can perform the essential functions of the position, with or without reasonable accommodation	Inquiry about nature, severity or extent of disability or whether applicant requires reasonable accommodation, any inquiry not job-related or consistent with business necessity
Family	Whether candidate can meet specified work schedules or has activities, commitments or responsibilities that may prevent meeting work attendance requirements	Inquiry concerning spouse, spouse's employment or salary, children, childcare arrangements, or dependents
Marital Status	None	Any inquiry about the candidate's marital status
National Origin	Inquiry into ability to read/write/speak foreign language if job requirement	Any other inquiry
Pregnancy/Medical Issue	None	Any inquiry related to pregnancy, medical history, and related matters
Race or Ethnicity	None	Any inquiry concerning race or ethnicity
Relatives	Names of relatives currently employed at University	Any other inquiry about marital status, or spouse's occupation
Religion or Creed	None	Any inquiry in this area
Sex	None	Any inquiry concerning gender
Sexual Orientation	None	Any inquiry regarding sexual orientation