

These questions are designed to help us begin to consider the influence of your **identities, roles,** and contributions to your family and chosen communities.

## Directions:

You must answer the first three questions.

Next, answer five additional questions of your choosing (or more if you are on a roll!).

- What is the problem you are/want to work to solve? *Please be as specific as possible in your responses.*
- What do people in your life trust you with on a regular basis?
- What is the worst thing someone could think of you?
- Describe a project/organization/community who/that is tackling a problem in an unusual or ingenious way. How does their approach inspire you to look at problems in your own life differently?
- Share the author and citation information for a piece of media (journal article, documentary, video, text, poem or piece of prose) that will deepen my understanding of your connection to your discipline or one of its central ideas. Please include a link to the resource if it is available online, through the University of Iowa Library system or another public portal.
- What is your favorite word?
- Identify and tell me why you love three books.
- How do you define leadership? Or tell me about someone who is leading in your life that you respect and are learning from as an observer or in a more purposeful way.
- Considering the moments in your life where you felt energized, skilled and useful, what specific skills were you using during those moments? What parts of your personality were easily engaged? Where those moments typically at a certain phase of a project (beginning or middle, innovation or implementation? Systems-building or fine-tuning the execution of those systems?). What context were you in? How big of a group of people was involved? Pulling all of your answers together, offer up a category of action (sort of like a super power) that best describes the role you play in your best-case work scenario. For example, you may be a diplomat, a translator, or a custodian (a clean-up expert!).
- What are the three words in the universe that will offer me the most complete snapshot of who you are as a whole person?
- Identify a personality trait or characteristic others commonly associate with you, but that you don't believe is appropriate.
- What do you listen to everyday?
- To what extent are you a typical product of your generation? How might you deviate from the norm?
- Under what conditions do you do your best, most creative work?
- Name and explore two aspects of your identity that have had the greatest impact on your belief system and character? For the purpose of this question, aspects of identity are socio-cultural categorizations such as class, race, gender, difference in ability, sexual orientation and/or gender identification, religion, place of origin, and ethnicity.