Let’s look at the big picture.
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• What’s the average first-year class size?
• In what ways do professors get to know their students?

Instead of “How is your [enter your major(s) of choice here] program?”:
• What are professors or students in my area(s) of academic interest currently researching?
• In what ways do professors and students interact outside of the classroom?
• Are students able to access internships or research opportunities the summer after their first year?

Instead of “How is the food on campus?”:
• What is your favorite campus dining option — and favorite meal served there?
• What are students’ favorite places to eat (and hang out) off-campus?

Instead of “Tell me about the diversity on your campus.”:
• In what ways are your students, faculty, and administration making campus more inclusive?
• How many countries are represented on campus?
• What support systems are available for first-generation college students, students of color, and/or LGBTQ students?

Instead of “How do I make my application stand out?”:
• What advice do you have for crafting a strong admission essay?
• What types of students are most successful at Richmond?
• Do you practice holistic admission review? What does that mean at your institution?

And, finally, a few questions you should be sure to ask us when visiting us:
• Tell me about the Richmond Guarantee. What types of summer experiences does it fund?
• Why do so many Richmond students study abroad? How does UR support their international travels and study?
• Why are Richmond students consistently ranked among the Top 15 Happiest Students in the country?
• UR is located less than 15 minutes from downtown Richmond. In what ways does this proximity to Virginia’s capital city elevate students’ experiences at the University?

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