Your primary job is to prepare for a career after grad school (which includes, but is not limited to, conducting graduate research), and part of my job is to help you do this.

The questions below were helpful when I was getting ready to apply for jobs. We should check in regularly about any changes to (or progress towards) your goals.

What are your current research interests?
What background/skills do you have relevant to those interests?
Is there anything about my work that you are especially interested in?
What do you want to do after grad school?
What are your long-term career goals?
What skills do you have that are relevant to your career goals?
What additional skills or experience do you need to reach your career goals?

There are no right answers to these questions, and it’s okay if you’re unsure about some of them. Discussing these things will help me be a better advocate for your professional interests.