AMCAS® 2018 Application:
New Questions

The American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®) is the AAMC's centralized medical school application processing service. If you completed the AMCAS application in previous cycles, you will notice some new questions on the 2018 application. These questions were added to help medical schools (1) place your application information in context as a part of a holistic admissions process and (2) comply with institutional requirements.

In addition to the questions, a new indicator has also been added to the AMCAS application. The **First Generation College Student Indicator** will be derived from your responses to the parental education questions. This indicator identifies applicants whose parents have not earned an associate's degree or higher. It supports holistic review efforts in admissions by providing a more accurate way for schools to identify first-generation college students.

The new questions are explained below and organized by the section of the application in which they appear.

Application Section	Description of New Questions	Reasoning for New Questions
Identifying Information	You will now have the option to specify your **current gender identity**.	These questions provide medical schools with information about the many ways in which you could contribute to institutional diversity.
	You will now have the ability to select your **preferred set of pronouns** from a drop-down menu.	
	You can now select "**Mx.**" from the drop-down list of salutations when entering your legal name in this section.	
Biographic Information	You will now be asked for your **date of separation** if you select that you are a veteran in the Military Service portion of this section.	These questions help medical schools comply with Section 702 of the Veteran's Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, which requires public colleges to provide in-state tuition to veterans and eligible dependents in order for the school to remain eligible to receive GI Bill education payments.
	You will also now be asked if you are **eligible for any GI Bills** in the Military Service portion of this section.	
Significant Research Experience Essay for MD-PhD Applicants	You will now be asked to enter your **total number of hours of prior research experience**.	This question assists MD-PhD programs in meeting NIH reporting requirements.

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