



Ask Me If You Can 2023 Question Suggestions

Generic Questions

1. What do you miss the most from the time you were a student?
2. What did you want to be when you were a child?
3. What advice would you give if you were talking to yourself in the past?
4. What do you find satisfying about your job?
5. Is there anything you don't like that much about your job?
6. How do you want to be remembered?
7. What motivates you each day?

14th of April 12:10-13:10

1. Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum

- 1.1. How is the work in the World Health Organization?
- 1.2. Was working in the WHO always a goal of yours?
- 1.3. What can doctors do in order to fight against climate change?
- 1.4. What do you think the future holds for the Human Body?
- 1.5. What is the current state of the evidence for climate change, and how has it evolved over time?
- 1.6. What are the most significant impacts of climate change that have already been observed?
- 1.7. How will climate change interact with other global challenges, such as population growth, urbanization, and inequality?
- 1.8. What are solutions to climate change? What do you think would be the ideal first big change needed to combat climate change?

- 1.9. What are the potential long-term consequences of failing to address climate change?
- 1.10. What types of climate related activities does WHO support for action?

2. Cara Ocobock

- 2.1. Why did you start working in your field of research?
- 2.2. What is the most exciting thing you have ever done in your career?
- 2.3. What have you learned from your research?
- 2.4. How are people adapting to the effects of climate change and what are the known limits to adaptation?
- 2.5. What are the major health impacts of climate extremes?
- 2.6. Who is at Increased Risk for Negative Health Impacts Due to Climate and Climate Change?
- 2.7. What do you think the future holds for the Human Body?
- 2.8. What are the major challenges for researchers studying climate change and health linkages?
- 2.9. What do you think are the most important environmental considerations for “scientists” to keep in mind?
- 2.10. What are solutions to climate change? What do you think would be the ideal first big change needed to combat climate change?

3. Nathan Lents

- 3.1. Why did you start working in your field of research?
- 3.2. Can you tell us more about the recent evolution of the human genome?
- 3.3. What do you think will be the near-term future of Human Enhancement?
- 3.4. What do you think the future holds for the Human Body?

- 3.5. When and why did your interest in communicating your findings to people who have no scientific training - whether by your renowned books, your contributions to blogs and podcasts, among others - blossom?
- 3.6. How does your work as a researcher (writer, ...) fit into the larger picture of society?
- 3.7. What future projects do you envision for yourself?
- 3.8. How is (and will) climate change affecting human evolution?
- 3.9. What motivates you to continue learning and making discoveries?
- 3.10. What impact do you hope your work will have on the world?

4. Inês Bento

- 4.1. Why did you start working in the field of Biology and Physiology of Malaria?
- 4.2. Who has influenced you the most?
- 4.3. What are the big issues in your research area?
- 4.4. What impact do you hope your work will have on the world?
- 4.5. Can you talk about a research problem you have faced? How did you overcome it? What did you learn from it?
- 4.6. If we gave you X amount of money, what project would you elaborate on with it (your dream research project)?
- 4.7. What are your professional goals in the next five, and ten years?
- 4.8. How will this research job help you achieve your long-term career plans?
- 4.9. What responsibilities do "scientists" have for society?
- 4.10. What motivates you to continue learning and making discoveries?

5. José Azevedo

- 5.1. Why did you start working in this area?
- 5.2. Who has influenced you the most?

- 5.3. What are some of the challenges you face in your research? How did you overcome it? What did you learn from it?
- 5.4. Is there anything that particularly excites you about your field right now?
- 5.5. How has your work as a researcher affected your personal life?
- 5.6. Do you have any advice for aspiring researchers out there?
- 5.7. What is the most exciting thing you have ever done in your career?
- 5.8. How has your work as a researcher influenced the way you see the world?
- 5.9. Science is constantly evolving as we learn more and more about the world around us. What recent discoveries have surprised or fascinated you?
- 5.10. What responsibilities do “scientists” have for society?

15th of April 14:00-15:00

1. Ari Zimran

- 1.1. Why did you decide to focus on Rare Diseases?
- 1.2. What can medical students do in order to avoid Rare Disease negligence?
- 1.3. How is researching something that is not well known and doesn't have a large number of patients?

2. Joan Steitz

- 2.1. What motivated you to start working in the field of RNA, given that this subject was so unknown?
- 2.2. What personal obstacles did you find in your research journey? Was it hard to reconcile your personal life with your professional one?
- 2.3. Is there any prize that felt especially “special” to win?
- 2.4. Did you ever feel like giving up on research?
- 2.5. Have you felt any barriers to your success, being a woman in the science field?

3. Inês Pankonien

- 3.1. Why did you want to know more about this particular subject?
- 3.2. Where in the future do you see genomics?
- 3.3. What is the impact you feel genomics will have on humankind?

4. Astrid Vicente

- 4.1. What is the future of Personalized Medicine in mankind?
- 4.2. Do you think that there'll be a place for personalized medicine in countries like Portugal, with limited funds to healthcare?

5. Rui Oliveira-Silva

- 5.1. Why did you decide to focus on this particular subject?
- 5.2. How far do you think you can go with your nanoparticles?

16th of April 11:10-12:10

1. Amanda Brown

- 1.1. Did you ever feel unsafe while working in a prison?
- 1.2. From your experience there are a lot of riots in prisons?
- 1.3. What do you like about being a prison doctor? How did it impact your daily life?
- 1.4. Do you feel you have more quality of life compared to the work you did in the NHS? Would you advise your job to a future doctor and why?
- 1.5. What are the majority of the cases you work on now? And in the past?
- 1.6. Are there any differences between working in women prisons vs. male prison vs. juvenile prison facilities? Can you give examples?
- 1.7. What kind of prison work do you like doing more?
- 1.8. Do you feel safe? Do you prefer working in high security prisons or a less dangerous environment?
- 1.9. Do you prefer working with women, men or children and why?

1.10. If you had to choose now all over again to be a prison doctor, would you do it all over again? What are the advantages?

2. Christof Neuner

2.1. Did you ever hurt yourself while deployed? If so, how did you treat yourself? Did you think the care you were given was appropriate and with quality?

2.2. Do you think it is safe to perform surgeries in the field (war zones)?

2.3. Did you lose patients in war scenarios because you did not have appropriate equipment? Did you see any preventable death?

2.4. What would you think could be improved in war medicine?

2.5. If you had to choose now all over again, would you still be an army doctor?

2.6. What are the best and worst parts of being deployed?

2.7. Did you ever feel like quitting? Why?

2.8. What was in your opinion your greatest professional achievement and why?

2.9. Would you advise future doctors to follow a similar path of yours? Why?

2.10. Is it manageable to have a great work-life balance in your field? How do you balance it all?

2.11. Do you think it is still a men's environment? How can women prepare and balance the physical challenges/differences? Why? What would you recommend to a young female future doctor interested in war medicine?

2.12. Do you think military hospitals are just like regular hospitals? If not - why?

3. Dean Burnett

3.1. How did your passion for psychology appear?

3.2. How did the idea of reconciling humor and science to transmit your knowledge come about?

3.3. What are your main areas of interest in neuroscience? And why?

3.4. Where do you find inspiration for your books?

3.5. What impact do you hope your books will have on people?

3.6. What future projects do you envision for yourself?

3.7. What part of your job are you most proud of?

4. **Diana Prata**

4.1. Who inspires you?

4.2. What future projects do you envision for yourself?

4.3. What was your biggest discovery?

4.4. When do you realize that you wanted to investigate the neuroscience field?

4.5. Have you felt any barriers to your success, being a woman in the science field?

4.6. What are your main areas of interest in neuroscience? And why?

4.7. What does your current investigation consist of?

5. **Sara Martinho**

5.1. How did your passion for psychology appear?

5.2. What does your current investigation consist of?

5.3. How do you apply your research into practice?

5.4. What future projects do you envision for yourself?

5.5. What impact do you hope your work will have on society?

5.6. What are the biggest barriers that you face in your work? How do you get to overcome them?

5.7. Have you ever felt that your work has been belittled for investigating social issues that are not yet fully accepted in society?