

Research Statement: Writing Guidelines

The research statement is a document providing a brief overview of your previous research experience, an insight into the research you are currently conducting, and a description of future research work, with a focus on your doctoral dissertation.

The statement should reflect an understanding of scientific research and include a description of the problem you intend to investigate, along with the rationale for the research.

The research statement serves to establish your research experience and future research interests, enabling the committee to assess the alignment of your research aspirations with the study program.

The statement should be no longer than 1,500 words.

You should begin the statement by articulating the broader research field and then specifying your particular research interest. The statement should include a brief overview of your past research and published papers (if any), including your undergraduate and master's theses.

Subsequently, the statement should cover the research you are currently conducting. Finally, you should describe your future research work, focusing specifically on the topic and scope of your doctoral dissertation. In doing so, you should attempt to answer the following questions:

What research questions do you want to address in the dissertation?

How do you intend to find answers to these research questions?

How can studies at the School of Economics and Business assist you in this process?

What are the implications of your potential research findings?