

Instructions for 2-page Research Statement

As part of your application, we ask that you write and submit a Research Statement. This statement should be a maximum of 2 pages in length with 1-inch margins, Times New Roman 12 point font, and 1.5 line spacing.

In your Research Statement, please answer and address the following:

1. In what ways does research make you excited?
2. How have you been exposed to research previously?
3. Identify two topics in the personal financial planning field that warrant research. Briefly describe how research on these topics is important and could make a difference in peoples' lives and/or the work of practitioners. Discuss how achieving a Ph.D. will help you facilitate research on these topics.

Resources that may be helpful as you prepare your Research Statement:

Kansas State University. (n.d.). *Graduate student resources*. Career Center. <https://www.k-state.edu/careercenter/students/connect/gradstudents/>

Purdue Online Writing Lab. (n.d.). *Graduate School Applications: Writing a Research Statement*. https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/graduate_school_applications/writing_a_research_statement.html