

Research Paper Problem Statement Guide

1. Research Topic

State your broad research topic:

E.g., The impact of social media on mental health

2. Background & Context

Provide background information and context:

Summarize key background and the current state of research

3. Evidence of the Problem

Present evidence that the problem exists (data, observations, previous studies):

E.g., Surveys, statistics, literature findings

4. Statement of the Problem

Clearly articulate the core research problem:

E.g., There is limited understanding of...

5. Research Gap

Identify the gap(s) your research will address:

Explain what's missing or unknown

6. Justification and Significance

Explain why this problem is important to solve:

State the potential impact

7. Research Objectives/Questions (Optional)

List the main research questions or objectives:

E.g., To determine..., To evaluate...

Checklist

- Is the problem specific and clearly stated?
- Is there strong evidence that the problem exists?
- Does your statement define the scope and boundaries?
- Have you explained the research gap and its importance?