Writing the Research Statement

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The research statement goes by several names and is a common component of an academic job application. It is a summary of your research accomplishments, your current work, and provides an indication of the future direction and potential of your research.

Library Resources

- Survival Skills for Graduate Students  http://guides.library.msstate.edu/ssfgs/

Recommended Reads

- Dr. Karen’s Rules of the Research Statement  
  http://theprofessorisin.com/2012/08/30/dr-karens-rules-of-the-research-statement/

  http://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2002/07/writing-research-plan

Sample Research Statements

- Duke Career Center:  
  https://studentaffairs.duke.edu/career/graduate-students/academic-career-preparation/research-statement

- University of California, San Francisco Office of Career and Professional Development:  
  https://career.ucsf.edu/grad-students-postdocs/career-planning/academic-jobs/applying/academic-samples

- University of Pennsylvania:  
  http://www.vpul.edu/careerservices/writtenmaterials/teachingresearchsamples.php