

Research Paper Outline Template with Model and Propositions

Now is the time to start researching the topic area and narrowing down what the team wants to examine. Doing so will allow the team to refine the topic, select a title, and develop the outline, model, and propositions. Remember that this topic is of interest to the team! Thus, the research should be engaging to the future reader. What do you want them to know? Why do they need to know this? Why is this specific topic important and beneficial? How are you adding to the current body of literature that is already published? Consider these questions and others when working to refine the paper and develop the research. **Remember to use Google Scholar to aid in the search, but do not do what has already been done! Get creative and innovative!**

The following outline is merely a guide to creating the outline for the research paper, given the topic selected. Be as detailed as possible, as this will aid in the feedback I provide to the team. **Late submissions will not receive feedback.** Remember the team is working to earn the highest possible points on the final assignment. Therefore, **put effort into the assignment as if this were a separate grade!**

Review the MAN 5204 Research Project Guide to help understand the components of the research paper and for insight into developing the problem statement, model, literature review, etc.

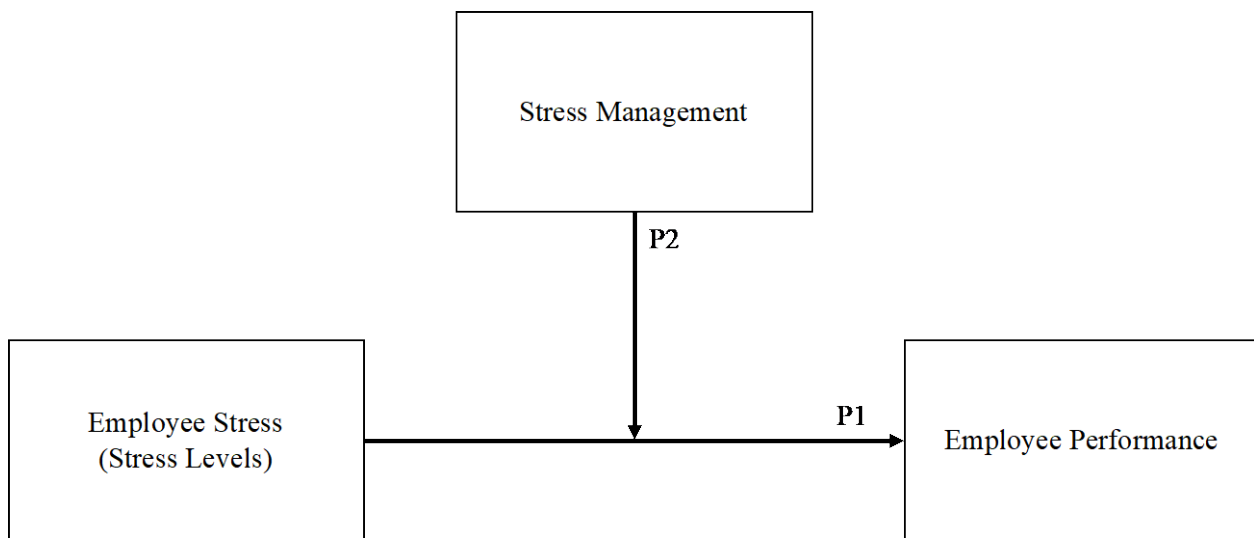
Step 1: Complete the fillable proposition document on Canvas

Below is a sample of a research paper's propositions and model

Research Paper Sample Propositions

- P1: There is a direct relationship between employee stress levels and employee performance
- P2: The practice of stress management positive impacts the relationship between employee stress and employee performance

Research Paper Sample Model



Step 2: Review the Team Research Paper Template & Guide document on Canvas

1. After you review the Team Research Paper Template & Guide document, answer the following questions:
 - a. What questions do you all have after reviewing the document?
 - b. What challenges do you all anticipate as you approach this research paper?
 - c. How will the team assign work to each team member to complete the research paper?
 - d. How will you all review each other's work to ensure that what each team member submits is high quality?

Step 3: Answer the following for each section of the paper listed below

1. Introduction
 - a. Overview of the topic
 - i. What is the topic?
 - b. Provide definitions
 - i. Indicate keywords and provided definitions that will be used in the paper will be defined
 - c. What prompted this research, and why is it important (personal interest, world events, understudied, presenting a new idea, etc.)?
 - d. Who is the research focused on, and why?
 - i. This can mean a specific group of people (women, students, minorities), a particular industry (higher education, business, accounting, healthcare), a specific work environment (male-dominated), etc.
 - e. The purpose of the research
 - i. Reference Team Research Paper Template & Guide for further details
 - f. The problem statement
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2. Literature Review
 - a. What theories will be used to support your model and propositions?
 - i. Select 2-3 theories that are relevant to your research.
 - ii. Please explain in 1-2 paragraphs why the team has selected each theory and how it supports the model and propositions.
 - iii. Support your explanations with citations from academic sources.
 - b. What are the areas of interest?
 - i. Can be grouped by subheadings or by propositions (see Team Research Paper Template & Guide and sample papers on Canvas)
3. References
 - a. Make sure that you save all of your references as you work on the Literature Review Section to include in your final paper