

## What Is a Research Paper?

Is this a new idea? Offer an explicit statement of how this is examining an issue from a new or unique perspective. Propose the research in the form of a question or statement that requires research to prove.

### Format

- **Introduction.** This introduces the research question and the major arguments, possibly with citations that support the topic and suggest the need for the further research.
- **Body.** This is the logically-written, comprehensive research, including the discussion of the research questions/arguments proposed. This will cover key points, experiments or surveys performed, data gathered (charts, graphs, etc.), and rationales. Solutions, alternatives, and results are reported with supporting evidence. Challenges should be clarified, and all information should be readable and understandable to a broad audience of healthcare business professionals.
- **Conclusion.** This is the summarization of the research topic and indication of any need for future work. Note any future directions that the research topic may be moving, or the value of further research.
- **Appendix** (if necessary). This would include additional materials related to the research, such as graphs and charts not required within the body of the paper.

### Mechanics

- There should be no spelling or grammatical errors.

### Citations

- All works must be cited within the research paper. The specific citation style is unimportant, just make sure it is consistent.

### Bibliography

- Sources should be both reliable and relevant.
- Again, consistency is more important than a specific bibliographic style.