Writing about future research

Sentence starters

- Future research could investigate...
- More research into X could increase our knowledge of...
- Deeper knowledge of X is needed to determine...
- Further research into X is needed to better understand...
- Further examination of X could develop insight into...

Sentence starters with example endings

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Example with surrounding text

... If tertiary educators and researchers want a better understanding of student behaviour and factors related to study success, then examining how successful students use social media is critical. Future research could, for instance, investigate how high performing students may achieve academic excellence, while also being active social media users. Such research could contribute to identifying specific strategies and patterns of use that relate to successful management and integration of social media in student life.

More examples:

- [http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/writing-conclusions/](http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/writing-conclusions/)
- You can learn more through reading journal articles, where researchers often write about future research that can extend or complement their current study.