"for the first time"

inception -

lead with the takeaway, rather than the details

"this triggers sampling of episodic memories involving those stimuli"; link it to context bandit?

"a prediction of this view is that when you hold information in working memory, it's gong to trigger sampling of related episodic memories, which can be 'harmful' in certain situations"

"to test this prediction we set up a simple delayed non-match to sample task where subjects had to hold words in mind; some of these words had been paired with other words previously

we demonstrated that whent hese words were held in mind it triggered reinstatement which lead to degradation in ebhavioral performance"

drug addiction -

"a key puzzle in drug addiction is _", "i hypothesize that memory sampling is _", "this leads to the prediction that if you do things that affect episodic memory _"

last paragraph is too abstract

the point of your research statement is to give people simulate what it will be like to have you at your institution. giving them concrete examples of studies you might run does a better job of touching all the topics that you want to investigate. so, for example, to investigate the role of the prior work in the episodic memory literature suggests that neurotransmitters play a key role in encoding/retrieval, which means they should ask affect decision-making, to test this i will blah blah

intertemporal choice involves accumulation of evidence from episodic memory

question or hypothesis, a sketch of how you will get at it

get them to buy in to the idea that these are cool hypotheses or meaningful questions, and help them see how you're going to get at these questions or test these hypotheses