

# BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting

**Mentoring News: June 2016**

## NEW INFORMATION PACK: - 2016-17

The new Information Pack is in final production and will be released towards the end of June on the ACCA BSc webpages.

There are not many major changes that affect student submissions however we have refined one or two areas and tightened some parameters. These are some of the key changes:

1. For **all topics other than 8 and 15** please note the requirement is to base your project on recent organisational activity or processes rather than historical events. (historical refers to activity that took place more than the three full calendar years preceding the start of the current submission period. (For example if you were proposing to submit a project in May 2017 for topic 19 the merger or acquisition would have to have taken place **AFTER 1 JANUARY 2014** - This would also be the case if you resubmitting a previously submitted project)
2. All work will be marked anonymously from P33, and Mentor and Student names will be hidden from markers (this is a new University requirement).
3. Limits on how many students a Mentor can have are being implemented for period 33 onwards and will be strictly enforced. The maximum number of students is **50 per mentor, per submission period**, and there is a **maximum of 5** students, per submission period, if a Mentor is declaring themselves as the student's "Senior Manager".

**NOTE:** Mentors are reminded not to "share" past projects with their students as this can encourage plagiarism

## **NEW** – **Student Bursaries**

The programme has recently introduced a bursary fund for students in difficult financial circumstances. The bursary will cover the submission fee for a first time submission of a **Research & Analysis Project** to the University.

To apply for a bursary, students are required to submit a **1500 word statement** on the expected benefits they might gain from undertaking the **Research and Analysis Project** and how they anticipate that having the degree will enable them to make a greater contribution to their society.

There are a maximum of 10 bursaries available per submission period to cover the **Research & Analysis Project fee**.

Students should submit their application on the form in the Information Pack to [acca@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:acca@brookes.ac.uk) by no later than **1 January** for the May submission period and no later than **1 July** for the November submission period.

For full details and application form please see the Information Pack for 2016-17

## **MENTOR STATUS: IMPORTANT**

Following some interesting questions and problems which arose during the Period 32 submission, it is probably worth making your status as a mentor clear.

Registered Mentors for the **BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting** are not employees or agents of Oxford Brookes University.

The role and expectations of a mentor are clearly set out in the information pack. A student engages their mentor on a consultancy basis. There is usually a fee to be paid. **OBU does not set or regulate such fees**, this is a private arrangement between Mentors and Students. Mentors are recommended to know who their students are by having full contact details.

It is suggested that Mentors and Students agree their terms of business, before starting the Mentoring process. All Mentors are recommended to draw up a contract that both the student and mentor will sign. This assures both parties that a service will be given and **payment will be made**.