

Mentor newsletter

February 2020

In this issue of the Mentor Newsletter, I will highlight some of the new OBU/ACCA initiatives for supporting students who are thinking of submitting a RAP in May 2020.

Webinars

OBU and ACCA will be running a series of webinars to support students who plan to submit a RAP in May 2020. These are the dates

Getting started on the Research and Analysis Project	Wednesday 5 February 2020 This is available on demand
Analysis Evaluation & critical writing for Research and Analysis Projects	Wednesday 18 March 2020 (9am UK time)
Reflective writing and Skills and Learning Statement	Wednesday 8 April 2020 (9am UK time)
Getting ready to submit your RAP? Tips and hints	Tuesday 21 April 2020 (9am UK time)

The sessions are free, and students will be emailed by ACCA in advance or they can register via the [OBU website](#). Please do ask students to watch out for the emails, and if they miss the session, they will still be able to access a recorded version from the OBU website.

Student Accountant (the ACCA e-zine for students)

In the last 6 months, there have been several articles in Student Accountant relating to the BSc. Please remind your students to look out for articles.

I have also attached guides to help students with referencing, and to identify sources of primary data that might be needed for different topics. They are too long for the Student Accountant but available on the Brookes website.

Academic Conduct

In the November 2019 submission, we had a worrying rise in the number of students whose work was referred for investigation by an academic conduct officer. This is obviously distressing for the student, and if students have cheated there are severe consequences.

Please remind students that the work that they submit to OBU must be their own work. It must not be copied from other students, previous RAPs that might be circulating on the internet, or even purchased from an essay writing website (unfortunately these do exist). If we were to find a mentor implicated in the commissioning of RAP writing, we would investigate and take any necessary action.

We are aware that WriteCheck (plagiarism checking tool) is being discontinued. I have written an article (attached) for the March edition of Student Accountant advising students what to do.

Thank you for your continued support of Oxford Brookes students.