



College of Social
Sciences

Participant Information Sheet

Study title and Researcher Details

Research Title: The History of the BAcc and Accounting at the University of Glasgow

Researcher: Greg Stoner, Kirsten W. Kininmonth & Angela Stoner (University of Glasgow - Adam Smith Business School – Accounting)

Invitation Paragraph

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Thank you for reading this.

What is the purpose of the study?

In the first instance the research will be used to draw together material to be displayed and discussed during the planned BAcc 50th Anniversary celebrations planned to take place in the Summer/Autumn of 2018. This may include a web page on the University of Glasgow site.

The results of the research will be used to help inform the development of the teaching and research in Accounting and Finance within the Adam Smith Business School, as we seek to continue to develop the programmes offered and what changes might be required in the future.

Data and material collected will also be utilised for the purposes of research publications and possibly for historical displays and presentations related to accounting within the University of Glasgow, including web materials. We will seek to explore the rationales, motivations and constraints concerned with the initiation and development of the BAcc programme in the context of the development of accounting as a discipline within the University of Glasgow and the broader educational and professional context.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been chosen as you have been identified as staff, student, former staff member or graduate of the BAcc programme at the University of Glasgow.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason. If you decide not to participate in the research this will have no effect on your grades if you are a current student.

What will happen to me if I take part?

You may be asked to complete a brief questionnaire.

You may be asked to allow the researchers to interview you, or have a more informal conversation linked to one of the 50th Anniversary events. It is also possible that any material you are willing to loan the researchers will be displayed during the events and copied for future reference, unless you request the researchers not to do so.

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations you may be invited to provide a personal profile and/or a brief video which may be used in the future by the researchers.

Confidentiality

If you agree to take part in the research you can be assured that your confidentiality (if you request it) will be carefully managed. Any identifiers will be replaced by a code, to which only the researchers will retain the key, and this will be stored in a secure location.

Please note that assurances on confidentiality will be strictly adhered to unless evidence of wrongdoing or potential harm is uncovered. In such cases the University may be obliged to contact relevant statutory bodies/agencies.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

In the first instance the research will be used to draw together material to be displayed and discussed during the planned BAcc 50th Anniversary celebrations planned to take place in the Summer/Autumn of 2018. This may include a web page on the University of Glasgow site.

Data collected will be used as part of academic research and will be presented to Accounting & Finance staff and may be presented to conferences or used to inform future research.

Contact for Further Information

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If you have any concerns regarding the conduct of this research project, you can contact the College of Social Sciences Ethics Officer Dr Muir Houston, email: Muir.Houston@glasgow.ac.uk