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Next, I would like to share my thoughts about research. Conducting effective research in accounting requires a systematic and strategic approach. First, you need to define a clear research question. A focused and specific research question provides direction and purpose to your study. Also, please familiarize yourself with relevant literature to understand the current state of knowledge in your chosen area. Identify gaps, controversies, or areas that require further exploration. Then, you should select appropriate research methods that align with your research question. Whether qualitative or quantitative, the chosen methods should allow you to collect relevant data to answer your research question. Besides, it is essential to use reliable sources and follow a logical process to maintain accuracy in the accounting research. Please double-check your work and ensure that data collection and analysis are conducted with precision.

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