

2013-2014 Pacific Blue Cross Scholarship

One Pacific Blue Cross Scholarship in Actuarial Science will be made available in any semester, based on academic merit, to a 3rd or 4th year student with a declared major in Actuarial Science.

Shuai (Alex) Yang writes:

Firstly, I would like to give my appreciation to the PBC (Pacific Blue Cross) insurance company for funding this scholarship. In addition, I am so glad that for the second time my hard work is recognized. I am delighted to be the recipient of the PBC scholarship for the year 2014.

Three years ago, I came to SFU as an international student to start my undergraduate studies. At that time, I made my decision to pursue actuarial science, which is closely related to mathematics, both highly applicable. Two years ago I was admitted to the actuarial science program. Like others, I joined the actuarial science group full of ambition and curiosity. After two years of hard work I find actuarial science more and more fascinating and attractive. More importantly, I met many brilliant professors who gave me countless amounts of help, especially Dr. Cary Tsai and Dr. Gary Parker. I keep saying to myself, I made the right decision to study actuarial science at SFU.

With everything I have learnt I have successfully completed all of the preliminary exams offered by the SOA. This is a relief for me, but only in the short term; moreover, it indicates a new start. I am going to the University of Waterloo to do my graduate study in actuarial science this coming fall. Besides graduate school, my plans for the coming year are to start and finish the FAP (Fundamentals of Actuarial Practice) Modules, and then get the ASA (Associate of the Society of Actuaries) credential. With the PBC scholarship I will be able to pay for the FAP fees myself.

Last but not the least I would like to say thank you to the donor of this scholarship, PBC, that recognized my academic performance and provides me with this financial support. I will keep working hard and I believe my interest in actuarial science will keep growing!