

2008-2009 R. Bruce Coles Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually to a student in an approved Actuarial Science program who has completed ACMA320. It is granted on the basis of academic performance.

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I first heard about Actuarial Science from a friend majoring in Statistics. She described Actuarial Science as the most challenging major in SFU which triggered my curiosity. So I took ACMA 210, the introductory course for Actuarial Science, and enjoyed the course. To be honest, actuarial science isn't easy for me. I have to study harder than ever, but the sense of accomplishment is worth the hard work.

Currently I'm working at UBC iCapture Centre with the Canadian Obstructive Lung Disease Research as a research assistant. I use my background in statistics to analyze research questionnaire and spirometry data to determine the prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in Canada.

I have passed SOA exams P, FM, MFE during the last year and took MLE in May, 2009. I plan to work in the insurance industry and pursue a career as an actuary after my graduation. In my last year of my undergraduate study, I look forward to applying my knowledge and skills to the real world after graduation.