

## 2010-2011 Statistical Society of Canada Endowment Award

The [Statistical Society of Canada](#) Award will be presented to an undergraduate student who is a declared major/honors in Statistics and/or Actuarial Science. [The criteria for selection for the award are academic merit and a commitment to the mission of the SSC.](#)

### Yifan Xu

Mathematics is the genetic strength of my family. I have taken lots of mathematics and statistics courses, such as Calculus, Numerical Analysis, Mathematical Analysis, Differential Equations, Bayesian Analysis, Statistical Theory and so on. I find it much easier to study and work in the Actuarial field with the more mathematics and statistics skills I learn.

Meanwhile, I worked really hard as a teaching assistant for the last year. Through helping students, I not only improved my communication skills, but also learned how to organize my study time and work time efficiently. I believe that this has also helped me attain an even higher GPA than before.

All my hard work has paid off. I have successfully passed SOA exams P, FM, MLC and C with remarkable grades. I also did a Co-op at The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) for a 4-month term. The real life actuarial projects are much more complicated than the school projects. However, all the technical and practical skills I have learned from school are applicable in this industry.

Upon the completion of my degree and this Co-op work, I look forward to working for an insurance company, focusing on P&C insurance. I am confident that I will become a great actuary.