

## **2004-2005 Statistics & Actuarial Science Endowment Award**

These awards are presented to students in the major/honor program with high academic standing.

### **Feng Li**

Three years ago, when I arrived at Vancouver International Airport as a new immigrant from China, I was considering a new career instead of software engineer for which I have been working for nearly 10 years. I thought I should choose a career that must be exciting, challenging, and the most important thing is such that I can take advantage of all my knowledge and skills I got from my past education and career.

I'm very good at mathematic, have professional computer skills, and extremely curious about finance and investment subject. I searched school and program on the Internet and then found Actuarial Science Program at SFU was just exactly what I was looking for. However, ACMA program is a very hot program at SFU. Fortunately, I was accepted into the program as a second-degree student after two semesters hard studying at SFU.

During the first semester after I was admitted into the program, I was so fascinated by what I was studying in ACMA320 and ACMA315. It was the first time in my life I did realize that the price for an insurance contract was calculated by some scientific and strict assumption. So I can't wait to study other ACMA courses.

Since I arrived Canada, I'm very proud of two accomplishments I have achieved till today. One is I got my first baby, my little son Alex; the other is the program I'm studying. Whenever I talked about my program, I always attracted some envious eyes from other students. So I know I just did a right choice. I will continue to work hard toward completing the program and then look for a job as an actuary or further my study in actuarial or statistics field.