

2010-2011 Statistics & Actuarial Science Endowment Award

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I am pursuing a second degree in Actuarial Science at SFU. My first degree is a Bachelor in Commerce from Delhi University, India. Along with my first degree I took exams for Chartered Accountancy and cleared two of its three stages.

Numbers always intrigued and inspired me, however, after completing the second stage of the Chartered Accountancy, I realized that it was not my true calling. I was grappling with multiple scenarios regarding what field to pursue and fortunately got an opportunity to visit Canada. While in Canada I got my first glimpse into the study of Actuarial Science and decided to pursue it. Being an international student, I had no clue about university life in Canada, so I was excited and nervous at the same time. The whole education system was new to me, but thanks to Dr. Gary Parker's help I settled in with ease.

I feel enthralled after joining the Actuarial Science program at SFU. From the ACMA courses that I have taken so far, I know that this field is for me and hope to build a strong career in it. I passed Exam P in May 2011 and plan to take another exam before the end of 2011.

I would like to thank all my professors for sharing their knowledge and my friends and classmates for their help and support because it is their undeterred support and wishes that have helped me come so far. I believe that I will meet many more interesting friends and guides as my education continues.