

2011-2012 Statistics & Actuarial Science Endowment Award

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

Shuai Yang writes:

My name is Shuai Yang, I am an international student from China. This is my third term at SFU and my first term in actuarial science. I have met many excellent professors, like John Hu, Gary Parker, Cary Tsai and Robin Insley during this past year. I have also been helped by many of the warm-hearted faculty, staff and TA's. In addition I have made new friends who are very clever, we study together almost every day and we work out the challenging problems together.

I like actuarial science because it involves building mathematical models to study insurance contracts and requires good knowledge of different fields such as statistics, finance, derivatives market and economics. It also helps us to build a system of knowing how statistics and math are built in actuarial science.

I planned to study actuarial science when I was in China, and I heard about SFU at that time. I knew it would not be easy to get into this program so I worked very hard in the last two terms. I tried my best to do everything and I got good grades. It is my pleasure to study actuarial science at SFU. I like the academic environment and the study atmosphere in the program. So far I have been studying higher level actuarial courses for four weeks, it is actually challenging but I think I can handle them. I am sure I can do better in the future to fulfill my dream to become an actuary.

At last, I would like to send my appreciation to the department and the program for giving us so many chances to apply for different scholarships; some of them are from SOA, some from organizations in society, and some from the department. It is no doubt good for us, especially for the international students like me. Thanks again.