

# **2013-2014 Statistics & Actuarial Science Endowment Award**

## **Academic Merit Award**

This award is offered to students who are registered honors or major students in Actuarial Science or Statistics. The primary criterion for selection is academic merit.

### **Lu Yi writes:**

My name is Lu Yi and I am an international student from China. It's a pleasure that I can be one of the members in the Actuarial Science program. It has been a long journey since I first decided to get into the program. In order for this to happen, not only would I have to demonstrate passion, but also a competitive grade to show my ability. There were many difficulties on the way but I felt so encouraged when all my efforts had finally led me to my goal. I will keep studying hard and make sure my understanding of the discipline is as concrete as possible.

This is my first year in the Actuarial Science program. The upper division Acma and Stat courses are more challenging, however, under the guidance of the professors I believe these courses can also be rewarding as well. I am really interested in what I am studying. I've had a strong interest in mathematics since I was in elementary school. After I came to SFU, the respected professors made me more interested in the area of both mathematics and statistics. When I was taking STAT 270, Dr. Tim Swartz had demonstrated the fascinating power of using data and probability to analyze and solve practical problems. Although some of the problem sets were difficult, I found it indeed interesting to work on. I am very grateful that I can study actuarial science in a way that I can combine my interests in mathematics and statistics with my future career.

In my following studies, I will keep working hard to maintain a high GPA. I also plan to take the exam P and FM this semester, and finish the ASA tests before I graduate. I hope I can be a professional actuary in the future.