

2014-2015 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.

Chuyuan Lin writes:

My name is Chuyuan Lin, an international student from China. This is my fourth semester studying in the Statistics program. I have been determined to be a science student since I studied in high school, and I had a great interest to learn more about mathematics, statistics and economics. After graduating from high school, I came to Canada and studied at Fraser International College (FIC). When I graduated from FIC, I transferred to SFU and started working on my goal of getting into the Statistics and Actuarial Science department. Now, the dream comes true.

When I transferred to SFU, my hardest but also the happiest university time began. The exams became much more difficult, and the homework's were twice as long as those in college. In order to catch up, I used to sleep only 5 hours a day and summarize into two notebooks important exercises for my statistics and mathematics courses. Eventually, I got used to the life at SFU and received some good grades.

Even though I am very busy when studying at SFU, I still love to do some volunteer jobs in my spare time. I love to share my experience and passion with others, and make more friends, which is the reason why I have been a peer education and mentorship volunteer at FIC for more than one year. Also, I got two meaningful and enjoyable volunteer jobs at SFU, a global partner to help transfer students in the GPS program, and an exam-aid tutor of the Student Offering Support (SOS) association. Through volunteering, I made a lot of friends, and also improved my communication and interpersonal skills a lot.

Finally I want to thank my parents, all my friends, advisors and professors who help me a lot. I believe that without their help, I wouldn't get such a good grades and have this happy life in Canada. I really want to thank the advisor, Professor Robin Insley, who helped me a lot, and encouraged me like a close friend or my parents would do every time I came to him. The other person I want to express my appreciation to is Professor Gary Parker, who is willing to spend hours helping us solve our problems even during holidays. The Statistics and Actuarial Science department is one full of passion, professional ethics and friendliness. To quote an old saying in my country to express my pleasure to study in such an amazing department, I want to say: I must have done something good in my previous life, so the god would choose to put me in such a wonderful place!