

# **2016-2017 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.

### **Richard Groenewald writes:**

While I have consistently been interested in the field of mathematics, I did not know which area of application of the subject would pique my curiosity until the beginning of my second year here at SFU. At the time, I had just declared in the economics program, but I thoroughly enjoyed the stronger mathematical emphasis and more broad applicability of the topics covered in the introductory statistics classes, 270 and 285. It was for this reason that I decided to transfer into the statistics honours program, while minoring in economics and in math.

I am certainly very happy with that decision, as I have found the program to be a nice blend of theoretical and applied topics that presents a rewarding challenge. Because of this, I hope to continue my studies in statistics and in mathematics at the graduate level. I would like to thank all those in the department who make these awards and various other opportunities possible, as they complement an excellent learning environment.