

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.

Sihan Cheng writes:

I am an international student from China. I got my first degree in China as a Bachelor of Aquaculture Science. After I graduated, I found that it was not the life I wanted to pursue. With my mother's encouragement and support, I decided to go back to campus and learn knowledge more applicable to the society. Fortunately, I received admission to the Beedie school of Business at SFU as a second degree student in Fall 2015.

When I learned about the actuary profession from the internet, I knew immediately that it was the dream career I was looking for. It is challengeable and intelligent. My outstanding ability in math gave me confidence to apply for the actuarial science program. So I started to complete the required courses. Even though some of the courses introduced were tough, like Acma210, I was still one of the top students in the class as well as in other Statistics and Business courses. At the same time, I also passed SOA P exam before I took Acma210 and Stat285. In Spring 2017, I was accepted into the Actuarial Science Major Program with an outstanding GPA.

In my future studies, I will keep working hard to maintain a high GPA. I also plan to take the exam FM and MLC this year, and finish the ASA tests before I graduate. Meanwhile, I am actively applying for my first Co-op this semester since I have learned from Dr. Cary and Professor Barbara that practice is the core method to absorb knowledge from books completely. I believe I can be a professional actuary in the future.