

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.

Zhen (Jenny) Wu writes:

The first time I heard the word “actuarial science” was before I came to Canada. According to the description from a friend of my relatives who happened to be a junior actuary, it seems to me that actuaries are all high intelligent people and it is a job with a promising career outlook. “Am I going to study actuarial science at college?” “En... I don’t know.”

The second time I heard about it was from my instructor in Columbia College where I finished my high school and university transfer program. He recommended, several times, for me to consider pursuing a major in SFU’s actuarial science program. Later, he invited me to attend the Vancouver Actuaries Night event downtown where more than half of actuaries around the Vancouver mainland gathered. It was an eye-opening experience to me and made me think “being an actuary is a cool job”.

The third time I was related to actuarial science, I was already in my ACMA 210 class and worked really hard to outperform to be admitted to the program. This time, I do feel the fun side of this challenging work.

Yes, it is tough to get a good grade in actuarial science, and yes, it is very time consuming. Working on actuarial science would cost us more spare time than others. However, the great sense of accomplishment and satisfaction after resolving a complicated problem or passing an exam could bring us is incomparable. I enjoy the motivation and life learning experience which actuarial science brought to my life, and I feel extremely grateful that there are countless amazing staff and students who are willing to help me with all kindness during my studies in Canada. Last but not least, I would send my gratitude to my parents who are always there supporting me no matter what.