

2016-2017 Towers Watson Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually to a student in an approved Actuarial Science program who has completed ACMA320. It is granted on the basis of academic performance.

Nathan Esau writes:



I am very thankful for being awarded the Towers Watson scholarship. As an actuarial science student, I have had the opportunity to meet Towers Watson employees at several info sessions and they are a professional and friendly group of people.

When I started university, I did not know what I wanted to study. I remember going to huge lecture halls with hundreds of people and having a hard time getting to know other classmates. Getting admitted into the actuarial science program, which is comprised of a small number of strong academic students helped me to improve as a student. Every semester since I have been in the program I've improved my GPA, and my courses gave me the knowledge I needed to pass all five SOA preliminary exams. I have also made many friends in the program, who I will stay in contact with after graduation.

I am also grateful to have been part of the Science co-op program. Through co-op, I got to live for four months in Ottawa working at Statistics Canada and eight months in Toronto at GGY. Getting to see different parts of Canada and gain valuable work experience made the co-op program well worth my time. I have secured a full-time position at GGY upon graduation, and will be helping their team to develop the software which life insurance companies depend on to perform their financial calculations.

I highly recommend future students to get involved in the department as this has helped lead to my continued success. Some events I have participated in include the 2016 ASNA competition in Niagara Falls and the 2016 Munich Re Cup competition in Toronto. These competitions were a great way to meet actuarial students from other schools and get an idea of the type of work actuaries do in the industry.

Finally, I am thankful to the Award Committee for selecting me for this award and to the sponsor Towers Watson. I look forward to the next step in my journey to becoming an actuary.