## 2006-2007 Watson Wyatt Scholarship

## John Kowalik

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.

John Kowalik writes:

Being awarded the Watson Wyatt Scholarship is a great achievement for me as I transition from school into the workplace. I have just completed my 5<sup>th</sup> year at Simon Fraser University and am now working at Hewitt on a co-op term. My experience at SFU has been amazing, which is part of the reason why I have been taking my sweet time to graduate. I have been enjoying a very happy lifestyle in the last 5 years, receiving many scholarships and awards for my hard studies, and treating myself to a couple 3-month vacations to Thailand. I'm really happy that I decided to pursue a career in the actuarial field and I'm very thankful for the great opportunities and rewards that have come to me. In September I will be moving to a co-op position at ICBC, which should be a great opportunity to try out the P&C side of the actuarial field. I have just written my fourth actuarial exam (SOA exam C) this May and am very motivated and determined to become a fellow in the near future. I would like to sincerely thank the people at Watson Wyatt for their generous support as I continue on my path to becoming an excellent actuary!

Thank you!!