

2007-2008 R. Bruce Coles Memorial 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.

Vicky Yen

I first heard about actuarial science from my uncle, who is an actuary working for ING in Asia. At that time, I was still a freshman in the Faculty of Science at the University of British Columbia. Exhausted from hours of tedious chemistry labs, physics experiments, and molecular structures, I realized that my interest was not in the field of science. Thus, I began pursuing a more suitable and expedient career goal. With my uncle's informative and encouraging suggestions as well as my research into the field, I have decided that I wish to become an actuary.

After completing my first year in UBC, I applied for a transfer to Simon Fraser University to study actuarial science. Although learning that the actuarial science program was very competitive, I was determined to give it a try since I knew that this career would be very suitable for me.

I am currently a fourth year student in the Actuarial Science program in SFU and I am graduating in the spring of 2008. Upon completion of my degree, I plan on working in a financial institution, where I can contribute my knowledge to help analyze the potential risks and profit gains from a business investment. Putting my innovative ideas to use, I can also help create financial tools that enable the company to compete with other financial firms. I have confidence that with my positive attitude and motivation, I can become a successful actuary in the future.