

2012-2013 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.

Shuai Yang writes:

It is hard to describe my excitement when I was informed that I had been awarded the TOWERS WATSON Scholarship. I am not only glad for receiving the scholarship but also for being recognized. It lets me know that we are closely connected to the real industry. I appreciate the attention they put on the younger generation.

I am a fourth year undergraduate student at SFU. Meanwhile, this is my second year in the Actuarial Science program. During the last year I have met many brilliant friends who helped me a lot with my studies. Their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn influenced me every day. Also, I have met many professors who are very supportive. Some of them who work in the industry shared abundant valuable real life experiences with us. Besides, they do not just teach us how to solve equations and get the final result, they teach us how to learn, how to be a critical thinker when facing real life problems. Working as a TA in the Statistics Workshop allowed me to improve my communication skills. I also found that an essential requirement for teaching others is to understand the concept deeply. I am so happy for the opportunity to share the things I have learnt with others.

So far, I have completed three SOA exams, P, FM and C. I am planning to take MLC in May 2013. My plan for the next two to three years is to keep pursuing my ASA credential. I intend to apply for graduate studies after graduation, either in actuarial science or financial mathematics. I think I have already found what I like to do and what I would like to have as a hobby rather than a job. I would like to learn as much as I can and integrate all this knowledge into my career. I like what actuaries do, and I want to be an actuary.

Finally, I would like to thank the Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee and, especially, the sponsors, Towers Watson. Thanks for your generosity and for awarding me the scholarship. I will keep running and try my best in my future studies.