

2004-2005 Watson Wyatt Scholarship

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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.

Ruowei Zhou writes:

My first degree and PhD degree are in computer science. After graduation, I spent several years doing image processing and pattern recognition related R&D works in Singapore. In 2003, when my family immigrated to Canada, I found that it was the time for me to replan my future and rethink my career. After some researches, Actuarial Science seemed a good choice for me. It involves a lot of mathematics and statistics. It also plays an important role in people's everyday life: insurance, pension, finance, and other areas.

In fall 2003, I was accepted into Actuarial Major by SFU. The study proves to be very challenging and fascinating. In fall 2004, I got a co-op job in D.A. Townley, a Vancouver based pension administration company. During the eight-month co-op work term, I have been given great opportunities to do various projects in pension field: investment performance analysis, pension plan actuarial valuation, pension plan amendments and consolidation, and pension calculations. This experience further convinced me that I've chosen the right career path for myself.

I am expecting to graduate in the fall of 2005. After that, I will enter the Statistics and Actuarial Science graduate program of SFU. My goal is to be an expert in Actuarial field. I am confident that I will excel in my studies and future works.