

2010-2011 Watson Wyatt 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.

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It is an honour to receive the Towers Watson Scholarship in Actuarial Science and I would like to thank you for your generosity and support towards my education. I'm currently in my final year at Simon Fraser University, majoring in Actuarial Science with a minor in Business Administration, three successful Co-op work terms, and four preliminary SOA exams under my belt. I am also presently volunteering at SFU Recreation to manage and promote our Intramural sports leagues in support of a healthy student life that balances study with active living.

I decided upon studying actuarial science once I learned that this field rewards well-rounded individuals with both strong analytical and communication abilities, which seemed to fit well with my skill set and career aspirations. Furthermore, the wide range of topics that actuaries need to be proficient in, including finance, statistics, and computer science just to name a few, seemed to point towards a very dynamic career with many growth opportunities.

As many actuarial students will confirm, starting out in this program is often a shock upon realizing the level of hard work required and the impressive academic abilities of one's classmates. At first, I was unsure of whether I would be successful in such a program; however, I was happy to find that my interest in the field grew considerably as I delved further into the curriculum. As an added bonus, changes to my study habits resulted in increasingly better performances throughout my actuarial courses.

In summary, I am thankful for choosing the Actuarial Science field as the last few years have really helped to push my limits and grow as a student, and I look forward to the challenges that this field will surely provide me in the future.