

Actuarial Science Club



University of Waterloo

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President's Message - Julia Park



Hello everyone,

My name is Julia Park and I will be serving as the President of the UW Actuarial Science Club for the fall 2016 term. I wanted to give you a bit of background about myself and let you get an idea of who I am. I was born in Korea, but I've lived in both New Brunswick and Toronto before entering university. I'm currently on my 3A term studying Actuarial Science and Statistics, and I've passed P and FM along the way and plan to sit for MFE in March next year. I've had two Co-op terms so far; I worked as an actuarial research assistant here at the University of Waterloo for my first Co-op term, and I then worked at Intact this past summer in Calgary. If you have any questions about my work experience, please don't be afraid to approach me at any of our events!

The Actuarial Science program at the University of Waterloo is one of a kind; it is widely accepted as the best Actuarial Science program in North America. Over the last two years I was studying at the University of Waterloo, I noticed that it is getting more and more competitive each year. Peers are rushing to get exams done and some first years are entering university with exams already passed! It is a tough field to be in, especially when there are so many successful people around. However, it is definitely a field that is worth giving it your all. Though there are the obvious reasons to pursue being an actuary, such as high pay, reasonable work hours, and job stability, there are so many other rewarding moments that come through pursuing this field which you'll soon come to experience. I truly hope all of you will discover your real passions through exploring this field.

Finally, the Actuarial Science Club brings everyone in actuarial science together and provides guidance and helpful tips especially to those in first and second year. So be sure to join our Facebook group page and stay tuned for the rest of the exciting events planned for this term!

Best of luck to all of you in your journey! And don't forget to have fun and enjoy your time! :)

MEET THE VICE PRESIDENTS OF FALL 2016

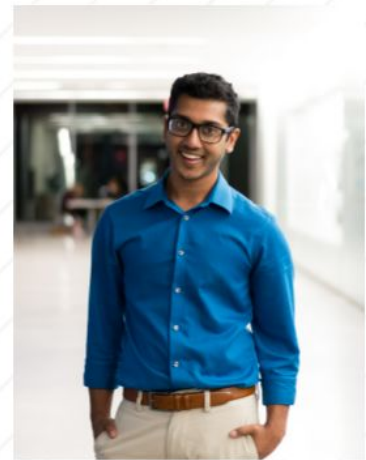


VP Communication - Jessie Lai

Hi everyone! I'm Jessie in 2A Actuarial Science, and I am your VP Communication this term. A little about myself, besides studying, I love music, doing any outdoor sport, and of course, eating. During my last term, I was on co-op at Manulife, and currently I am also part of the ASNA Convention Committee, so feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. I'll be updating you all on the events planned for this term, so stay tuned. I look forward to this term, and meeting you all!

VP Finance - Arun Sithamparapillai

So everyone did formal intros and told you their name for some reason when it's just up there ^ but I'm gonna have some fun and keep it casual. The tl;dr of the boring stuff is I was just in New York on co-op over summer, and I'm 3/3 on case comps, most recently presenting to the SOA in Philly. The more interesting stuff that I'd love for you to talk to me about are music (varying from EDM to Coldplay, to French Horn to T-Swift) board games, and sports. Finally, I think balanced people are the best candidates, so I'd love to show you how I keep my balance at Phils.



VP Events - Lin Lin

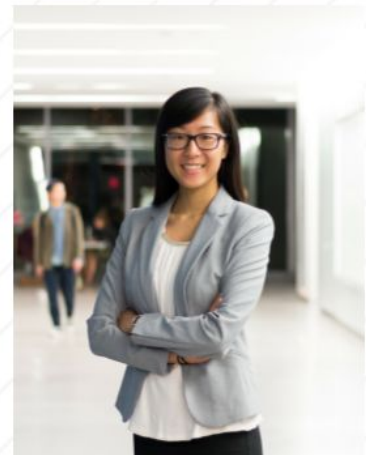
Hi everyone, I am Lin and I'm a second year Math/Business Double Degree student. This is the second time to be in UW ActSci Club executive team and I'm super excited to be VPE this term! I like watching dramas and shows, and currently I'm addicted to MasterChef. I also love talking to people and making new friends so you all totally welcomed to drop in during my office hour to chat about anything with me!



VP Admin - Alice Leung

I'm Alice Leung and I am VP of Administration for this term. I'm in 2A Computer Science and Statistics. I have a keen interest in pursuing a career in Actuarial Science.

I worked as a research assistant for a Computer Science and English project last term. In my spare time, I enjoy doing Pilates, swimming, and playing the piano! I love meeting new people so feel free to drop by during my office hours. :)



Event Coordinator - Tim Huang



My name is Tim Huang and I am one of the Event Coordinators for ActSci Club this term. I am in my 3B term doing BMath majors in Actuarial Science with finance option, and Computer Science with business option (I'm also doing a Statistics major but it's just one more course). Every time I say that to a math student at UW, I can tell they think I'm crazy. I think I'm crazy too. But hey, I've made it this far and haven't failed a course yet so I might as well keep going!

I've spent my previous two co-op terms working for GGY programming AXIS. I had to learn lots of new actuarial concepts to know how implement new features for AXIS. For the little spare time that I have, I love to play piano and go out jogging. I dream of running a half-marathon someday after I finish all my actuarial exams!

Event Coordinator - Vishwa Shah

Hello, my name is Vishwa and I am the youngest member of your executive team. I am currently in 1A Honours Math and plan to declare my major in Actuarial Science next year. My current role is the event coordinator. As a first year student myself I know what kind of events students my age would be interested in and what they would find helpful. Additionally, I am a crazy, outgoing and fun person so I promise to make the events as fun as possible.



Mentorship Coordinator - Alex Xiao



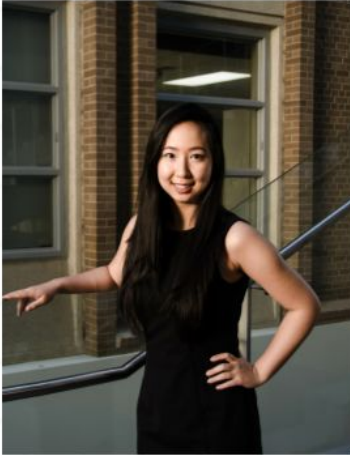
I am second year Honours Mathematics student with a keen interest in pursuing a career in Actuarial Sciences. In my previous co-op term, I worked at Intact Insurance where I was a member of the National Actuarial Personal Lines team. This is my first term as a member of the Actsci Club executive team, where I have the privilege of being a Mentorship Coordinator. I am excited be able to help introduce new Actuarial Science students to the industry, which will certainly be exciting!

Mentorship Coordinator - Dylan Lee

Hey guys, I'm Dylan and one of the mentorship coordinators for this term. I am in my 2A term and just declared to major in Actuarial Science with the Finance Option. I previously worked as an Actuarial Assistant at FSCO for my first co-op term. This is my first term being on the executive team and I'm very excited to be able to work with everyone to plan fun and informative events.

I'm really into playing sports, watching movies, and going to all you can eat sushi!! If you have any questions or just want someone to go to sushi with, let me know!





Newsletter Editor - Annie Deng

Hi! My name is Annie Deng and I am a 2A double major in Actuarial Science and FARM and one of your Newsletter Directors this term. I really enjoy watching TV shows and baking goodies, so feel free to drop by for some food, chat about TV shows during my office hours or even to just hangout and talk. If you're as interested in actuarial industry as I am then please watch out for the awesome articles we will be publishing throughout the semester.

Newsletter Editor - Ryan Lu

Hey everyone! I am currently in my 1A term for Honours Mathematics and I plan on specifying my studies to Actuarial Sciences in the subsequent years (probably not a surprise since I'm in this club)! Even though I'm in math, I enjoy poetry, literature, and public speaking, although Shakespeare in high school almost ruined it for me. As your newsletter editor I am excited to bring to you all the relevant upcoming news that might help you in your pursuit of the ActSci career path!



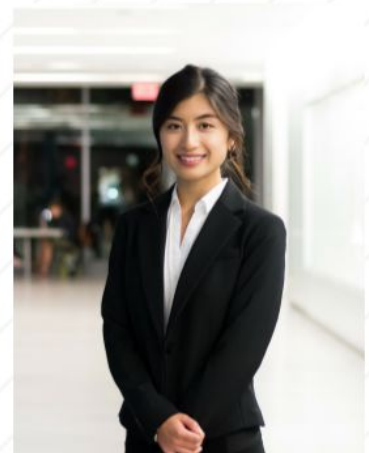
Publicity Director - Alice Gao

Hi, my name is Alice and I'm one of your Publicity Directors this term. I am currently in 2A and I've been a part of the ActSci Club since the beginning of my first year. Something interesting about myself would be that I was an Air Cadet for five years. Some of my other hobbies include dance and music. I'll be keeping everyone updated on the upcoming events throughout the term and feel free to approach me and ask questions if you are unclear about anything, I'll be glad to help!



Publicity Director - Sabrina Tan

Hi! My name is Sabrina Tan and I'm in my 1A term of Honours Mathematics, intending to pursue Actuarial Science. I'm super excited to be a part of the ActSci team as Publicity director, and plan to succeed at keeping everyone informed on upcoming events! Aside from learning about Actuarial Science, I love going to the gym, shopping and sushi.



Office Manager - Maggie Wang



My name is Maggie Wang. I was born in Beijing where I lived for the first fifteen years of my life. I went to school at Stouffville District Secondary School and completed my first-year studies in Commerce at McMaster University. At Stouffville DSS, I was on the Senior Girls' Basketball Team and was active in Free The Children as a fundraising volunteer. I was a council member of the DeGroote Marketing Association at McMaster. In my spare time, I enjoy hiking, reading and watching Netflix. I also like spending time with my family and friends. I'm now enrolled in my 2A term of Mathematics. Having transferred schools very recently, I got a warm welcome when I finally arrived on campus here at UW in May. That was only the first time I had been here but already I felt I belonged here. I am currently an Office Manager for the UW ActSci Club, and can't wait to see what great things this year has in store for us.

Website Manager - Alex Lowe

Hey guys, my name is Alex and I am in my 4A term of Actuarial Science with a Computer Science minor. I've been a part of the UW ActSci Club exec team since my first year, and am super stoked to be here for my last!

I'm a huge fan of coffee, food, and sports - especially ultimate frisbee. I also love meeting new people so feel free to say hi in class or come by my office hour!



Your Executive Team

Fall 2016



Past Events:

Beginning of Term Bubble Tea



Connecting Students

The Bubble Tea Beginning of Term event was a great chance for like-minded students to connect while talking, playing games, and of course, drinking free bubble tea. Sharing valuable experiences from both university classes and co-op programs really helped everyone get a better understanding of the ActSci program itself.

PAST EVENTS - FALL 2016



Mock Interviews

The ActSci mock interviews provided many students from different years an opportunity to practice their interview taking skills with the experienced executives of ActSci club. Based on their many experiences with ActSci co-op interviews we could simulate an accurate and realistic interview with questions you would probably be asked when you apply for co-op.

Nov
1st & 2nd

Microsoft Excel and Visual Basic for Applications Tutorial

A lot of jobs that deal with data often heavily use Microsoft Excel and VBA. This is definitely the case with many math programs including Actuarial Science! The tutorials on the 1st and 2nd taught many students how to more efficiently use these applications and make your life easier (and maybe impress your future employer)!

There was upper year students experienced with using these applications and giving plenty of helpful tips and information on how to use certain functions in Excel that you probably never knew about. After this tutorial, many were able to make cooler graphs and create them faster than before!



Past Events

P-Exam Tutorial

Who showed up

30+

— student's from all years

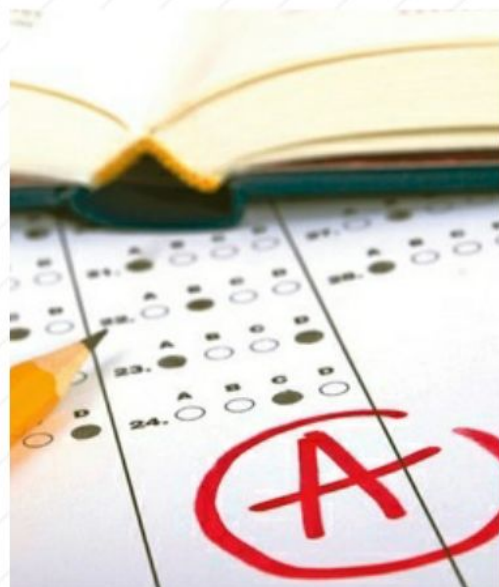
10+

Mentors

— sharing their experience

The P-Exam tutorial offered a very helpful lesson and presentation on tips for the P-exam, which is probably one of the most commonly taken actuarial exam in university.

We had many upper years who have already passed this exam give their experiences with both studying for and writing this exam.



Upcoming Events: Industry Overview

Get to know a little more about co-op before you even start at the industry overview! At this industry overview, upper years will talk about their experiences with Act Sci. You can hear all about their co-op experiences as well as what they learned from those co-op terms and take notes on important things to watch out for. After the overview, there will be chances to talk to upper years individually and ask any questions you might have about co-op. This is the perfect chance to get ahead on co-op and learn about important information you could only otherwise learn from experience, so don't miss this event! your report. It will be more memorable for your readers.



Have Questions? Visit Us!

Feel free to drop by any time at M3 1003 during any of our office hours.

ActSci Club Office Hours (Fall 2016 - M3 1003)					
Start Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 - 9:00					
9:00 - 9:30					
9:30 - 10:00					
10:00 - 10:30					
10:30 - 11:00	Lin		Lin		
11:00 - 11:30					Lin
11:30 - 12:00	Maggie Wang	Jessie Lai			
12:00 - 12:30					
12:30 - 1:00					
1:00 - 1:30	Annie			Dylan	Julia Park
1:30 - 2:00					
2:00 - 2:30	Tim	Arun		Arun	Ryan
2:30 - 3:00			Alice Leung		
3:00 - 3:30	Sabrina			Alice Gao	
3:30 - 4:00			Vishwa shah		
4:00 - 4:30	Alex Xiao				
4:30 - 5:00				Alex Lowe	

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