

Vita

Lin Tian was born in January 27, 1975, Shangnan, China. After graduate from high school in 1992, she continued her education in Tianjin University, where she obtained her B.S. degree in Civil Engineering and B.A. degree in English in July, 1996. Following that, she was in the graduate program in Thermal Engineering at Xi'an Jiaotong University for one year. In 1997, she began to pursue a Master's degree in Engineering Science and Mechanics at Virginia Tech. After two years course study and research work, she got her M.S. degree in May, 1999.

During her undergraduate years, she got chance to participate in several projects in HVAC system, and was awarded Excellent Student Scholarship for two academic years. At Virginia Tech, besides course study, she worked as a teaching assistant and research assistant. For TA work, she was taking responsibility for the undergraduate fluids lab class. For research, she is working with Prof. Hajj and Prof. Tieleman in wind engineering. During her research work, she was able to publish a paper in the 10th International Conference on Wind Engineering with Prof. Hajj and Prof. Tieleman. Due to her academic performance, she was elected as a member of the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi.