



Hi, I'm John.

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MY BACKGROUND AND ASPIRATIONS

I studied mathematics at the University of Leicester, from which I graduated with a Masters in 2013. From there I was hired by the catastrophe modeling company AIR. This gave me a good grounding in insurance, reinsurance and catastrophe modeling. At GC I am combining catastrophe modeling with other analytics as I find new areas to apply my skills.

WHY I CHOSE A CAREER IN (RE)INSURANCE

During my time at University, I had the opportunity to work as a summer Intern at what was then XL Group in London. I worked in their strategic analytics team and this was what sold the (re)insurance industry to me.

I was taken by how friendly everyone was and how willing to help me learn about the industry they were. After experience in other industries, I knew that (re)insurance was where I wanted to end up.

MY ROLE DESCRIPTION

My role has a diverse set of responsibilities. The largest part of my job is using catastrophe models to analyze the deals our team works on. This involves using client data to understand the risks that are being reinsured so that we can get the best deal for our client.

I also work to improve the data, processes and tools our team uses, so I spend plenty of time looking for ways to improve our insights.

WHAT HAS SURPRISED ME THE MOST

I was most surprised by how open everyone is to change. I think that reinsurance is often portrayed as a Luddite profession in the press. However, in my team we are always looking for ways to innovate, be that with technology, products or something else.

I am also continually surprised by how social the industry is. With the industry built on long-standing relationships, everyone is always keen to hear about what you've been up to and how you are getting on.