

Hi, I'm Karen

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MY ROLE AT GUY CARPENTER

As part of the Analytics team in the Toronto office, I model risk exposures for reinsurance placements, as well as for regulatory and capital modeling requirements for a variety of Canadian clients using third-party vendor and in-house proprietary catastrophe models. I am also part of the model liaison and mortgage-risk modeling team within the GC Analytics team.

WHY I CHOSE A CAREER IN (RE)INSURANCE

I got into catastrophe modeling and reinsurance entirely by chance through a campus placement drive and I've never looked back. Starting off in a junior role helped me learn the business from the bottom up. As my role expanded, I became involved in more aspects of the business and it has been very satisfying to see how each piece of the puzzle fits together. The evolving and challenging environment keeps me motivated and presents numerous opportunities to explore and excel. What makes every day extraordinary are the high quality colleagues I work with. They are passionate about learning, approachable, and willing to collaborate to bring out the best in everyone.

WHAT HAS SURPRISED ME THE MOST

I am constantly surprised and delighted by the amazing people and the challenging and stimulating nature of this industry's work. I have worked with people from different countries, backgrounds, and work functions and have learned something from each and every one. This diversity brings unique and innovative thoughts and ideas to the table, which helps craft best-in-class solutions for our clients. The role that analytics plays in the reinsurance industry has also changed, along with the models and tools available. This has opened up many opportunities to grow and expand.

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MY BACKGROUND

I graduated from Christ University in Bangalore with an MBA in Finance in 2010. I also am a Certified Catastrophe Modeler (CCM) from the AIR Institute in Singapore, and am currently pursuing the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation from The Institutes. Prior to joining Guy Carpenter in 2016, I spent close to four years at another reinsurance broking firm and almost three years at a primary insurer in a variety of analytical and risk management roles. I hope to learn, grow, and expand my horizons at GC as we move to an interesting and innovative future ahead.