



Your Best Begins Here

John's Best Begins Here

Based in Richardson's downtown head office, John Guest (Merchant, Hedging and Western Wheat) shares his career highlights and how Asper grads have an opportunity for a broad career path with a global agribusiness and food processing company.

Tell us about your career journey with Richardson.

I majored in Supply Chain Management and Marketing and the education I received was definitely applicable to the roles I have held. Richardson has offered me a range of opportunity. I started out in their logistics department, and learned about how product is moved within Canada. I moved into export contracts and later the marine department for export logistics. I'm now a merchant on the hedge desk and am responsible for hedging against currency and grain price risk. This requires a good understanding of how different financial instruments work. It also requires understanding of the global landscape of trading grain.

These experiences have given me exposure to several different career paths and a better understanding of how the business areas interact to contribute to the company's overall success.

Can you share a career accomplishment?

One of my most memorable accomplishments was receiving my first promotion to the marine department. This was a role I wanted to move into to gain exposure to the export side of the business. It was also a good feeling to see my hard work recognized and know that different opportunities in the company are within reach.

Any advice you would give to those looking to grow their careers in this field?

My advice is to always be willing to learn new things and not be afraid to be pushed out of your comfort zone. The more you keep an open mind to try, do, or learn new things, the more opportunities you find are presented to you.

Explore where a career in supply chain management will take you! Connect with Richardson at the Asper Career Fair or visit richardson.careers.

Grow your career with Richardson International

Providing learning opportunities to new grads is Richardson's [Merchandising & Transportation Development Program](#). The program exposes participants to key supply chain functional areas in logistics, truck, rail, and marine. Employees in the program also have the opportunity to work in country operations at a Richardson Pioneer Ag Business Centre.

Connect with top employers at the Virtual Career Fair

Join us on September 28th between 3:00 – 7:00 p.m (CST) for our annual career fair! This event is free, and open to ALL U of M students, so tell your friends! Students may drop-in anytime, meet with employers of their choice and don't have to stay for the entire time.

Similar to an in-person fair, you will be able to talk to employers directly through 1-on-1 video chats with representatives or attend group video chats with business leaders across Canada. Register for the event on the [Asper Career Portal](#)!

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