

# DATA ANALYTICS FOUNDATIONS

AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> & SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Format: Blended Experience | A 2-day Series Forum  
Granite Innovations, St. Cloud, MN

The Data Analytics Foundations Forum is ideally suited for team members (individual contributors, supervisors, or managers) who would benefit from learning the foundational elements of data analytics for business and want to enhance their decision-making skills using data. The forum is comprised of two, full-day in-person sessions featuring the case study method, an online course for practice in-between, and virtual small group application sessions in-between.

## Forum Topics and Curriculum

- Data Analysis in the Workplace
- Analytical Tools
- Predictive Modeling
- Linear Regression
- Data Presentation Skills

## Forum Objectives

- Practice foundational data analytics skills and see its application to business.
- Identify effective methods for collecting data.
- Emphasize the value and impact of data collection and project analytics.
- Understand how to use data, statistics, and forecasting, for decision making in your organization.
- Explain the information life cycle, from events in the real world to business actions, and how to think about analytical problems in that context.
- Learn and conduct best practices in data presentation skills.

## Forum Fees

The fee for the Data Analytics Foundations Forum is \$2,650. The fee covers tuition, course materials, meals and parking. Nonprofit organizations receive a 20% discount. Individuals and small or early stage organizations interested in attending an Anderson Center forum, with limited ability to pay should inquire about scholarship opportunities.

## DISCUSSION LEADER



**Thomas Hodgdon**  
Discussion Leader

Thomas is a Discussion Leader for the Data Analytics Foundations Forum. As Strategy & Analytics Director at Granite Partners, Thomas focuses on the integration of new platform and add-on acquisitions as well as developing strategic partnerships with Granite's key suppliers and advisors. Thomas currently serves on the board of All Flex Solutions. Thomas holds an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and BA in Economics from the University of Chicago.

## Forum Timeline

The forum includes two full-day sessions:

### **SESSION 1 - August 7**

Case-study reading, applications, and practice

### **ONLINE COURSE- August 8 - September 17**

Online course(s), At Your Own Pace

Small Groups Application Sessions, Virtually Via Zoom

### **SESSION 2 - September 18**

Case-study reading, applications and practice

Contact **Rebecca Clobes** or **Kaytlin Cropp** to register

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