

MANAGEMENT FORUM

JULY 22-23 & 29-30, 2026

Format: Blended Experience

July 22-23 - Granite Innovations, St. Cloud, MN

July 29-30 - Virtual via Zoom

The Management Forum is ideally suited for general and functional managers, and executives and owners of small to mid-sized businesses. The forum is designed to equip business professionals with enhanced decision-making and management skills by exposing them to a wide set of essential management concepts and tools. This 4-day series covers cases in several topics that are relevant for managers at any level.

- Leadership vs. Management
- Strategy
- Finance
- Operations & Systems
- Marketing
- Leading Change

Forum Objectives

- Discussing the roles that executives and managers play in the leadership of an organization, with a focus on leading during times of change.
- Discussing and analyzing the communication, implementation, and importance of strategy for an organization.
- Understanding how metrics and financial ratios can be utilized effectively for managers in all departments.
- Practicing process flow analysis and discussing the impact it can have on the operations of an organization.
- Analyzing opportunities for systems applications and how this can impact various functional areas of an organization.
- Understanding the 4 Ps of marketing and the role they play in supporting overall business strategy.
- Providing resources for post-forum learning and application.

Forum Fees

The fee for the Management Forum is \$4,000. The fee covers tuition, case materials, lodging for one night and meals. 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 LEADERS



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