



PRODUCTIVITY PARTNERSHIP DATA SCHOOL I: APPLICATIONS OF FIRM-LEVEL DATA IN CANADA

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AGENDA

- Beginning
- Process for access
- After starting at CDER & Tips for students to travel/commute
- My research

BEGINNING

- Access to rich firm level datasets
- Informative website: CDER
- Still mostly unexplored: Wide opportunities for new research questions



PROCESS

- All starts with an e-mail
- A proposal draft: Guidelines on CDER website
 - Context, research question, contribution
 - Data requirement, methodology, software requirement
 - Justification for using microdata
 - Start&End date, duration
- Tuning the proposal: Data availability etc.
- Useful feedback
- May take long: 6-9 months



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Inbox

An inquiry on available data -

PROCESS

- For foreign students like me:
 - A little bit more security
 - Letter from advisor, letter from dean
 - Advisor(or head researcher) must be Canadian



AFTER STARTING

- Need to be in Ottawa.
- Nice equipment: Hardware & Software
- If student: Get ISIC Card, cheap train pass for semester

MY RESEARCH

- Financial frictions and employment growth at firm level: NALMF and SME financing surveys
 - Survival of new firms ~ initial borrowing : NALMF
 - Growth of young firms ~ initial borrowing: NALMF
 - Growth of all firms ~ borrowing: NALMF & SME Financing Survey
- NALMF: National Accounts Longitudinal Microdata File
 - Balance sheets & Employment
- SME Financing Survey: Summary tables are publicly available

COMMENTS

- CDER Researchers: Knowledgeable and helpful
- Result vetting: Confidentiality
 - Costly to get interim results
- Location

QUESTIONS

