

Interview

Weekly Report 10/16/17 to 10/22/17

Last week I finally managed to muster my confidence and actually cold call professionals and even manage to schedule an interview. This interview, being my first one of my ISM journey, terrified me. I had no idea what to do, how to act, or even how to get there despite looking at Google Maps the day before. But upon actually arriving at the interview at SMU on Wednesday, after taking quite a few wrong turns, I felt a lot more relaxed than I thought I would. Dr. Kovacevic greeted me with a friendly tone and proceeded right into the interview in his office. He first gave me a packet with various information regarding the purpose of the Research Center for Additive Manufacturing in which he worked in as well as answering the various interview questions I had. During the interview he also referred me to various co-researchers also working in the center that day. He also gave me a tour of the facility as well as an explanation of each machine used there. During this encounter, I learned quite a bit about this career field and about quite a few recent developments in the field of mechanical engineering. The encounter also allowed me to learn more about another type of additive manufacturing which involved lasers: the primary focus of the research center. Overall, my experience from this interview was a lot less stressful than I had thought it was going to be. I both learned more about my topic and gained practice for future interviews and interactions with other professionals. In the coming weeks, I will be sure to strive to call more professionals and possibly schedule more interviews where I can apply what I have learned from my research assessments.