2018 Spring Summary

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• Academia
  • Much more freedom to choose what you want to work on
  • You will work a lot, but you work for yourself happily
  • A steadily growing career path with tons of possibilities
  • Many other benefits: working with young & smart people, traveling around the world
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• The process

  • Stressful in the beginning, but become more and more fun and exciting

  • Application ➔ Phone Interview ➔ Campus Visit

  • Applied around 50; Received 6 interviews (GT, UMass, TAMU, VT, UIC, FIU)
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• 1-on-1 meetings
  • Prepare 1-min, 3-min, 5-min, 10-min versions to introduce your research
  • People judge whether you are a solid researcher
  • People judge whether you are easy to collaborate
  • Prepare answers for common questions, and a set of questions for the interviewers