

Always Keep Smiling and Have Faith When You Are on the Job Market

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What the most important in my job search is to **keep smiling and have faith** along this process. I wish that the following thoughts from my experience about job market are helpful for your job search.

1. Get yourself well prepared before you go on the job market

- It may not be a good idea to test or try job market for next year.
- Being on the job market is almost a full-time job, especially when your interviews begin. Thus, you need to get your paper finished and polished early.
- Talk with your referees about your research interests, job preferences ... (Therefore, they may emphasize something favorable to you in recommendation letters, ☺).

2. Work in a group

- Not necessarily to be the same field (actually, it is much helpful if you present or explain your research well to those who are not in your field. Why? Most likely interviewers are not in your field).
- Go over the materials of the job market packages before you send out.
- Practice your conference interview (your presentation, answers to “standard” questions, and your prepared questions to interviewers) with your peers.
- Practice your seminar (the more you practice, the more confident you are and the better performance you will).
- Your peers are someone who keep you smiling (besides Sofia and Max, ☺).

3. Talk with Sofia and Max, and take advantage of other supportive faculty at ARE

- Discuss your paper, your job preferences ...
- Tell them your concerns about conference interviews and fly back.
- Take two mock interviews seriously.
- Present your paper at ARE seminar at least once.
- Talk with ARE faculty will always let you feel strong and confident, ☺.

4. Always keep smiling and faith

- Regardless how bad a job market could be, it is always a good coping mechanism: keep smiling and have faith
- “All ARE alumni found a job!” from our ARE alumni Dr. Atnu Dey.
- Anything is possible, but you will have a job for sure, ☺.

5. Practice, practice, and practice ...