My goals for the research intern opportunity with the South University of Science and Technology in Shenzhen consist of a few different pieces. The first, and most important part is that I would hope to work on an interesting project with lasting implications. The second is that I would hope to have this position pose itself as a truly unique experience, one that would not only change the way that I see the world, but also be an experience that would genuinely impress a future employer. Third is that I would like to more fully understand the culture of China, as well as the dynamics of Chinese society.

To have a project which is interesting to me is of utmost importance in my search for a summer opportunity. The inherent intrigue of a project not only fuels my interest and engagement, but also serves as a platform from which to launch a search for a full time position upon graduation.

This opportunity is far different from the other summer positions which I am pursuing. The majority of positions to which I am applying are located in the United States, with my search centered about my home. The summer research intern opportunity with SUSTC would give insight which I could never fully appreciate through an experience in a different position closer to home.

I am a firm believer that the best way to fully understand the culture of a country is to fully immerse yourself in it. Learning the language through classes, or reading about their history are good ways to begin to gain context as to the culture of the country in question, but until you are fully immersed in the society of the country you cannot fully understand the dynamics of that society. Through immersion into China’s culture, I hope to learn more about their society, and to gain a more full appreciation for the culture.