

## Group Interview Project

Overview: To further examine the role of engineers in business and industry, students will learn from experts in a specific field. Students will self-select into project groups based on an EMBOK Domain. Each group will be expected to interview a Domain Expert for 15-20 minutes about their experiences as an Engineering Manager (or domain expert). These interviews will be recorded on video and uploaded by the due date to the Canvas Discussion page designated for each domain.

The project consists of two parts:

### Part #1

#### The Interview

Student groups are expected to work on the assignment virtually to:

- 1) **Identify a domain expert.** Many of you have worked or currently work in industry. Feel free to interview current or former supervisors. If you have a family member or friend who is a domain expert, feel free to interview them. Just make sure to develop questions appropriate both to the domain and interviewee. If you have trouble identifying an expert to interview, please come to my office hours and we can discuss ideas to find domain experts.
- 2) **Develop appropriate questions.** Questions should address the domain from the EMBOK. A list of 4-5 questions should fill 15-20 minutes of interview time.
- 3) **Conduct the interview.** Make sure to record the interview. You can use any video recording method you like as long as you are able to upload (or link) it to Canvas. I record using Zoom, but feel free to use whatever works best for you. Don't feel the need to do elaborate editing of the video, small errors are fine – just go with it.
- 4) **Upload the interview.** Upload your recording to the Canvas discussion page associated with your domain. These videos will serve as the content of the participation discussion posts for the week. After you load the video, you should post a couple of discussion questions based on the content of the interview. For example, “In the video, Mr. Smith suggested..... do you think that is an appropriate approach to .....?????” These questions should spur further discussion.
- 5) Make sure to also post in the discussion board for that week to get your participation points.

### Part #2

#### The Reflection Essay

After you have conducted your interview, **either** 1) write a 500 – 750 word reflection essay **-or-** record a 3-5 minute video of yourself reflecting upon the interview.

Some questions your essay (or video) could address:

- Why did you choose this domain?
- What did you learn from this expert?

- What was the most important lesson you learned from this interview?
- Would you choose a career focused on this domain? Why or why not?
- How did the information this expert provided differ from what is in the EMBOK?
- Based on this interview, would you continue to learn more about this domain? Why?

You don't have to answer any of these questions directly. Use these as thought starters. Upload your essay or video to Canvas by due date.