

# Where did the 2001 Food and Nutritional Science graduates go?



## I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2001 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutritional Science graduates :-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who pursued further studies, what programmes were they enrolled in?
- Among those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to get their first job offer?
- In which sectors were they employed?
- How much salary did they receive?
- How many job offers did they receive?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles?

## II. Employment Situation in 2001

Of the 33 graduates from this programme, 31 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

|   | Food and Nutritional Science |      |      |      | HKU Overall* |      |      |      |
|---|------------------------------|------|------|------|--------------|------|------|------|
|   | 2001                         |      | 2000 |      | 2001         |      | 2000 |      |
|   | No.                          | %    | No.  | %    | No.          | %    | No.  | %    |
| <b>No. of respondents</b>                 | 31                           | 100% | 42   | 100% | 2356         | 100% | 2575 | 100% |
| <b>Employed</b>                           | 23                           | 74%  | 29   | 69%  | 1775         | 75%  | 2030 | 79%  |
| <b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>         | 1                            | 3.2% | 3    | 7.1% | 83           | 3.5% | 59   | 2.3% |
| <b>Further Studies</b>                    | 7                            | 23%  | 10   | 24%  | 473          | 20%  | 461  | 18%  |
| <b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b> | 0                            | 0%   | 0    | 0%   | 1            | 0.1% | 2    | 0.1% |
| <b>Not seeking F/T job</b>                | 0                            | 0%   | 0    | 0%   | 24           | 1.0% | 23   | 0.9% |

\* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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### III. Further Studies

7 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes that they pursued and their sources of funds.

| Field of Study  | Academic Programme |                     |                   |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
|                 | M.Phil.            | Master (Coursework) | Bachelor's Degree |
| Medical Science | -                  | 2                   | 1                 |
| Science         | 3                  | -                   | -                 |
| Others          | 1                  | -                   | -                 |

| Source of Funds                    | No. of Graduates |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Own Funds                          | 4                |
| Government Grant + Loan            | 1                |
| Teaching Assistantship/Studentship | 2                |

### IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

| By the end of | % of new graduates who have secured employment |      |
|---------------|--|------|
|               | 2001   | 2000 |
| May or before | 8.7%   | 18%  |
| June          | 22%  | 25%  |
| July          | 43%  | 39%  |
| August        | 52%  | 61%  |
| September     | 74%  | 86%  |
| October       | 96%  | 93%  |
| November      | 100%   | 96%  |
| December      | 100%   | 100% |

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### V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Food and Nutritional Science graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services, the Civil Service and Educational Institutions.

| Sector                                | % of graduates |      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------|
|                                       | 2001           | 2000 |
| Commerce & Industry                   | 70%            | 86%  |
| Community, Social & Personal Services | 17%            | 7.1% |
| Civil Service                         | 8.7%           | 3.6% |
| Educational Institutions              | 4.3%           | 3.6% |

### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Food and Nutritional Science graduates is shown below.

|                | Basic Salary                 |          |              |          | Gross Income                 |          |              |          |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
|                | Food and Nutritional Science |          | HKU Average* |          | Food and Nutritional Science |          | HKU Average* |          |
|                | 2001                         | 2000     | 2001         | 2000     | 2001                         | 2000     | 2001         | 2000     |
| <b>Mean</b>    | \$10,561                     | \$9,865  | \$15,327     | \$14,125 | \$11,405                     | \$11,182 | \$16,152     | \$15,448 |
| <b>Median</b>  | \$10,000                     | \$10,000 | \$12,200     | \$12,000 | \$10,833                     | \$10,833 | \$13,217     | \$13,000 |
| <b>Minimum</b> | \$6,000                      | \$8,000  | \$2,000      | \$1,300  | \$7,000                      | \$9,000  | \$5,000      | \$3,000  |
| <b>Maximum</b> | \$17,100                     | \$14,300 | \$45,000     | \$58,000 | \$18,250                     | \$17,667 | \$49,000     | \$74,967 |

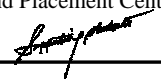
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### VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Food and Nutritional Science graduates is shown in the following table.

| No. of job offers received | No. of graduates (% of graduates) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| One                        | 11 (48%)                          |
| Two                        | 4 (17%)                           |
| Three                      | 3 (13%)                           |
| Four                       | 5 (22%)                           |

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### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Food and Nutritional Science graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

| <u>Employers</u>  | <u>Job Titles</u>                             |
|---|---|
| <b>Civil Service -</b>  |   |
| - HKSAR - Food & Environmental Hygiene Department                                   | - Health Inspector                            |
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| <b>Educational Institutions -</b>   |   |
| - The Chinese University of Hong Kong - Department of Community and Family Medicine | - Junior Research Assistant                   |
| <b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>                                    |   |
| - Aberdeen Ki Fong Welfare Association Social Services Center                       | - Home Care Officer                           |
| - Diet Asia Nutrition Consultant Center   | - Nutrition Consultant                        |
| - Hong Kong Campus Crusade for Christ   | - Administrative Officer                      |
| - Hospital Authority  | - Community Care Assistant                    |
| <b>Commerce and Industry -</b>  |   |
| - B. Braus Medical Ltd  | - Sales Executive                             |
| - Chloe & Spencer Development Company Ltd   | - Management Trainee                          |
| - Coastal Petroleum Ltd   | - Clerk                                       |
| - Deoderm Hong Kong Ltd   | - Marketing Assistant                         |
| - Eli Lilly Asia Inc  | - Clinical Research Associate                 |
| - Four Seas Group   | - Secretary                                   |
| - Health Quotients Consultants Co Ltd   | - Nutritionist & Customer Core Executive      |
| - Health Quotients Consultants Co Ltd   | - Product Executive                           |
| - Healthy Home (HK) Ltd   | - Demo Co-ordinator                           |
| - Louis Vuitton Hong Kong Ltd   | - Sales Assistant<br>(Young Graduate Program) |
| - Maersk Logistics (HK) Ltd   | - Executive Trainee                           |
| - Melbourne Insurance Brokers Ltd   | - Personnel Assistant                         |
| - Nutricia  | - Sales Operation Executive                   |
| - Nutriworks Ltd  | - Sales Officer                               |
| - Shell Chemicals   | - Logistics Co-ordinator                      |
| - Organization's name not reported  | - Food Technologist                           |

Note: Some of the 2001 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.

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