

## Where did the 2001 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2001 to answer the following questions about Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) 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 Situations in 2001

Of the 48 graduates from this programme, 37 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Overall*	
	2001		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	37	100%	181	100%
<b>Employed</b>	27	73%	122	67%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	2	5.4%	4	2.2%
<b>Further Studies</b>	8	22%	39	22%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0%	15	8.3%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	1	0.6%

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### III. Further Studies

8 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
	Ph.D.
Civil Engineering	1
Computer Science	3
Electrical/Electronic Engineering	1
Industrial Engineering	1
Others	1

No Response = 1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	2
Own Funds	2
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	2
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1

No Response = 1

### 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
May or before	23%
June	27%
July	46%
August	62%
September	77%
October	77%
November	88%
December	100%

No Response = 1

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### V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions, Community, Social & Personal Services and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates
	2001
Commerce & Industry	59%
Educational Institutions	30%
Community, Social & Personal Services	7.4%
Civil Service	3.7%

### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)	HKU Average*	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)	HKU Average*
	2001	2001	2001	2001
<b>Mean</b>	\$16,775	\$18,932	\$17,280	\$19,298
<b>Median</b>	\$15,520	\$17,100	\$15,600	\$17,100
<b>Minimum</b>	\$10,000	\$6,400	\$10,000	\$6,400
<b>Maximum</b>	\$36,000	\$45,000	\$39,000	\$45,000

\* HKU Average refers to the figure for the HKU Research Postgraduate Programme graduates.

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

The number of job offers received by Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	9 (36%)
Two	11 (44%)
Three	4 (16%)
Eight or more	1 (4.0%)

No Response = 2

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### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) 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	- Occupation's name not reported
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- E-Business Technology Institute	- Technology Officer
- The University of Hong Kong	- Assistance Computer Officer
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Technical Officer
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of EEE	- Research Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Research Assistant
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Hong Kong Productivity Council	- Assistant Project Officer
- Hong Kong Productivity Council	- Associate Consultant
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd.	- Engineering trainee
- Copeland Corporation	- Project Engineer
- Gloria Island Ltd	- Manager Trainee
- Hang Seng Bank	- IT Officer
- Hongkong International Terminals	- Assistant Terminal Planner
- Innoways Ltd.	- Manager Consulting
- Karin	- Sales Engineer
- Kerry Logistics (HK) Ltd	- Management Trainee
- Over Arup & Partners (Hong Kong) Ltd	- Graduate Engineer
- Standard Chartered Bank	- Programmer
- Versitech Ltd	- Java Consultant
- Versitech Ltd	- Java Consultant
- Versitech Ltd, HKU	- Java Consultant
- Whizz Technology Ltd	- Senior Software Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- IT Specialist

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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