

Where did the 2001 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of 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 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of 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 Situations in 2001

Of the 37 graduates from this programme, 26 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Overall*	
	2001		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	26	100%	181	100%
Employed	16	62%	122	67%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	4	2.2%
Further Studies	9	35%	39	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	15	8.3%
Not seeking F/T job	1	3.8%	1	0.6%

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III. Further Studies

9 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.
Medical Science	2
Science	3
Social Sciences	1
Others	2

No Response = 1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	1
Own Funds	3
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	3

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	64%
June	64%
July	71%
August	79%
September	86%
October	86%
November	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates
	2001
Educational Institutions	56%
Commerce & Industry	19%
Community, Social & Personal Services	13%
Civil Service	13%

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	MPhil (Faculty of Science)	HKU Average*	MPhil (Faculty of Science)	HKU Average*
	2001	2001	2001	2001
Mean	\$16,293	\$18,932	\$16,538	\$19,298
Median	\$17,000	\$17,100	\$17,000	\$17,100
Minimum	\$10,000	\$6,400	\$10,000	\$6,400
Maximum	\$20,000	\$45,000	\$20,000	\$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 Science) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	6 (43%)
Two	7 (50%)
Three	1 (7.1%)

No Response = 2

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR	- Health Inspector
- HKSAR - Department of Health	- Administrative Assistant
Educational Institutions -	
- Catholic Ming Yuen Secondary School	- Teacher
- HKTA The Yuen Yuen Institute No. 1 Secondary School	- Graduate Master
- The University of Hong Kong - Institute of Molecular Biology	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Researcher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Wei Kau College	- Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Student's Workshop	- Manager
- World Wide Fund for National (HK)	- Assistant Conservation Officer
Commerce and Industry -	
- People's Telephone Company Ltd	- System Engineer
- Reynolds Aluminium (Asia Pacific)	- Marketing Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Sales Engineer

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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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.
Please contact the CePc for further details.

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