

Where did the 2001 Master of Philosophy 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 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 172 graduates from this programme, 129 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil				HKU Overall*			
	2001		2000		2001		2000	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	129	100%	137	100%	181	100%	206	100%
Employed	90	70%	99	72%	122	67%	146	71%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	4	3.1%	4	2.9%	4	2.2%	11	5.3%
Further Studies	34	26%	30	22%	39	22%	32	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	3	2.2%	15	8.3%	15	7.3%
Not seeking F/T job	1	0.8%	1	0.7%	1	0.6%	2	1.0%

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III. Further Studies

34 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.	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate	Others
Arts	2	-	-	-
Business Administration/Management	-	1	-	-
Civil Engineering	1	-	-	-
Computer Science	3	-	-	-
Education	-	-	1	-
Electrical/Electronic Engineering	1	-	-	-
Industrial Engineering	1	-	-	-
Medical Science	7	-	-	-
Science	6	-	-	-
Social Sciences	3	1	-	-
Others	3	-	-	1

No Response = 3

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	5
Own Funds	9
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	7
Government Grant + Loan	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	9

No Response = 3

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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	37%	47%
June	43%	55%
July	59%	67%
August	70%	75%
September	83%	87%
October	86%	92%
November	94%	95%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 4

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Philosophy 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	2000
Educational Institutions	44%	53.0%
Commerce & Industry	40%	31.0%
Community, Social & Personal Services	11%	11.0%
Civil Service	4.5%	5.3%

No Response = 1

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Philosophy graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil		HKU Average*		MPhil		HKU Average*	
	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000
Mean	\$16,400	\$18,976	\$18,932	\$22,252	\$16,761	\$19,785	\$19,298	\$23,786
Median	\$16,250	\$17,050	\$17,100	\$19,028	\$16,500	\$17,100	\$17,100	\$19,055
Minimum	\$6,400	\$7,000	\$6,400	\$10,000	\$6,400	\$7,000	\$6,400	\$10,000
Maximum	\$36,000	\$60,000	\$45,000	\$76,555	\$39,000	\$60,000	\$45,000	\$113,555

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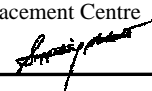
VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	46 (54%)
Two	28 (33%)
Three	7 (8.2%)
Five	1 (1.2%)
Six	1 (1.2%)
Eight or more	2 (2.4%)

No Response = 5

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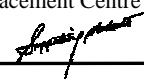


VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Philosophy 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	- Occupation's name not reported
- HKSAR - Department of Health	- Administrative Assistant
- HKSAR - Transport Department	- Transport Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- Catholic Ming Yuen Secondary School	- Teacher
- City University of Hong Kong	- Instructor
- City University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- City University of Hong Kong	- Teacher
- E-Business Technology Institute	- Technology Officer
- HKTA The Yuen Yuen Institute No. 1 Secondary School	- Graduate Master
- Hong Kong Institute of Education	- Language Instructor
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	- Program Assistant
- Institute of Molecular Biology (IMB)	- Research Assistant
- Institute of Molecular Biology HKU	- Research Assistant I
- Maryknoll Fathers' School	- Teacher
- Queen Elizabeth School Old Students' Association Secondary School	- Teacher
- Sha Tin Pui Ying College	- Graduate Master
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Department of Clinical Oncology	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- RA I
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong	- Technical Officer
- The University of Hong Kong	- Assistance Computer Officer
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant

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- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Researcher
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Social Work & Social Administration	- Project Officer
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of EEE	- Research Assistant
- United Christian College	- Graduate Master
- Wei Kau College	- Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- Research Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Corrad House	- Councilor
- Hong Kong Arts Development Council	- Assistant Arts Officer
- Hong Kong Camps Crusade for Christ	- Programme Coordinator
- Hong Kong Productivity Council	- Assistant Project Officer
- Hong Kong Productivity Council	- Associate Consultant
- Nice Kids Education Centre	- School Manager
- Po Leung Kuk Education Service Center	- School Center Officer
- Student's Workshop	- Manager
- The Society for Truth and Light	- Executive Secretary
- World Wide Fund for National (HK)	- Assistant Conservation Officer
Commerce and Industry -	
- Barra International Ltd	- Research Analyst
- Carl Eelss Far East Co Ltd	- Sales Support Specialist
- Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd.	- Engineering trainee
- Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd.	- Flight Attendant
- China Bio-medical Group Ltd	- Project Manager
- Copeland Corporation	- Project Engineer
- CSC	- Assistant Customer Based Analyst
- Direct Marketing International	- Customer Service Officer
- Direct Marketing International	- Telemarketer
- Fastman International Ltd	- Marketing Executive
- Gloria Island Ltd	- Manager Trainee
- Hang Seng Bank	- IT Officer
- Hong Kong School Net Limited	- Web Editor
- Hongkong International Terminals	- Assistant Terminal Planner
- Infoislive Co Ltd	- Copywriter
- Innoways Ltd.	- Manager Consulting
- Karin	- Sales Engineer
- Karl Tomson Security	- Senior Engineer
- Kerry Logistics (HK) Ltd	- Management Trainee
- Merck Sharp & Dehme Ltd	- Clinical Research Assistant
- Over Arup & Partners (Hong Kong) Ltd	- Graduate Engineer
- Pacific Cathy	- Acturial Assistance
- Panorama Entertainment	- Acquisition Executive
- People's Telephone Company Ltd	- System Engineer
- Polycrown Engineering Ltd	- Environmental Product Engineer

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- Reynolds Aluminium (Asia Pacific)	- Marketing Executive
- South China Morning Post Publishers Limited	- Research Executive
- Standard Chartered Bank	- Programmer
- The Shipping Gazette	- Journalist
- Versitech Ltd	- Java Consultant
- Versitech Ltd	- Java Consultant
- Versitech Ltd	- Java Consultant
- Whizz Technology Ltd	- Senior Software Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- IT Specialist
- Organization's name not reported	- Sales Engineer
Others -	
- Dun & Bradstreet (Asia Pacific)	- Consultant

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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