

Where did the 2001 Doctor 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 Doctor 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 38 graduates from this programme, 14 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Overall*	
	2001		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	14	100%	181	100%
Employed	9	64%	122	67%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	4	2.2%
Further Studies	2	14%	39	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	3	21%	15	8.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	1	0.6%

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III. Further Studies

2 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.
Arts	1
Electrical/Electronic Engineering	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	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	43%
June	43%
July	43%
August	57%
September	86%
October	86%
November	86%
December	100%

No Response = 1

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates were employed in Educational Institutions, while others were employed in Commerce & Industry.

Sector	% of graduates
	2001
Educational Institutions	67%
Commerce & Industry	33%

No Response = 2

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	PhD (Faculty of Engineering)	HKU Average*	PhD (Faculty of Engineering)	HKU Average*
	2001	2001	2001	2001
Mean	\$33,690	\$18,932	\$33,690	\$19,298
Median	\$34,570	\$17,100	\$34,570	\$17,100
Minimum	\$20,000	\$6,400	\$20,000	\$6,400
Maximum	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	4 (57%)
Two	2 (29%)
Three	1 (14%)

No Response = 1

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates in full-time employment names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Teaching Consultant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Teaching Consultant
- Organization's name not reported	- Computer Officer
Commerce and Industry -	
- Comdex System	- Manager
- Lucent Technologies	- Senior Engineer
Others -	
- Cluster Technology Ltd	- Computational Scientist
- Organization's name not reported	- Researcher

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.
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