

Where did the 2001 Doctor 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 Doctor 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 43 graduates from this programme, 15 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Science)		HKU Overall*	
	2001		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	15	100%	181	100%
Employed	10	67%	122	67%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	4	2.2%
Further Studies	1	6.7%	39	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	4	27%	15	8.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	1	0.6%

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III. Further Studies

1 graduate proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programme that graduate pursued and the source of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme
	Postgraduate Certificate
Education	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Government Grant + Loan	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	50%
June	60%
July	70%
August	80%
September	90%
October	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates
	2001
Educational Institutions	40%
Commerce & Industry	40%
Civil Service	20%

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	PhD (Faculty of Science)	HKU Average*	PhD (Faculty of Science)	HKU Average*
	2001	2001	2001	2001
Mean	\$24,487	\$18,932	\$24,630	\$19,298
Median	\$20,000	\$17,100	\$20,000	\$17,100
Minimum	\$15,160	\$6,400	\$15,160	\$6,400
Maximum	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000

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

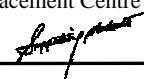
VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	6 (67%)
Two	1 (11%)
Three	2 (22%)

No Response = 1

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor 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 - Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department	- Nature Conservation Officer
- HKSAR - Environmental Protection Department	- Assistant Environmental Protection Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Physics	- Postdoctoral Fellow
Commerce and Industry -	
- Acts Testing Labs (H.K.) Ltd	- Research Officer
- Asia Ecological Consultants Ltd	- Director
- CH2MQ China Ltd	- Assistant Consultant
- 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.
Please contact the CePc for further details.

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