

## Where did the 2002 Animal and Plant Biotechnology graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2002 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Science in Animal and Plant Biotechnology 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 2002

Of the 25 graduates from this programme, 23 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Animal and Plant Biotechnology				HKU Overall*			
	2002		2001		2002		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	23	100%	20	100%	2139	100%	2356	100%
<b>Employed</b>	8	35%	5	25%	1546	72%	1775	75%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	0	0%	18	0.8%	83	3.5%
<b>Further Studies</b>	14	61%	15	75%	554	26%	473	20%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0%	0	0%	3	0.1%	1	0.1%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	1	4.3%	0	0%	18	0.8%	24	1.0%

\* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B., B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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### III. Further Studies

14 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.	M.Phil.	Postgraduate Certificate
Education	-	-	1
Medical Science	-	2	-
Science	2	6	-
Others	-	-	1

No Response = 2

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	2
Own Funds	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	10

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	
	2002	2001
May or before	14%	25%
June	57%	25%
July	57%	25%
August	86%	75%
September	100%	75%
October	100%	100%

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### V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Animal and Plant Biotechnology graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions and Community, Social & Personal Services.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2002	2001
Commerce & Industry	43%	50%
Educational Institutions	29%	50%
Community, Social & Personal Services	29%	0%


### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Animal and Plant Biotechnology graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	Animal and Plant Biotechnology		HKU Average*		Animal and Plant Biotechnology		HKU Average*	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
<b>Mean</b>	\$8,226	\$9,350	\$13,507	\$15,327	\$9,250	\$9,558	\$14,410	\$16,152
<b>Median</b>	\$8,000	\$9,200	\$10,300	\$12,200	\$9,785	\$9,200	\$11,000	\$13,217
<b>Minimum</b>	\$5,800	\$9,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$7,000	\$9,000	\$2,000	\$5,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$75,000	\$45,000	\$10,833	\$10,833	\$95,833	\$49,000

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

The number of job offers received by Animal and Plant Biotechnology graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	4 (67%)
Three	1 (17%)
Four	1 (17%)

No Response = 1

### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Animal and Plant Biotechnology graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- The University of Hong Kong - Faculty of Medicine	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - School of Chinese Medicine	- Laboratory Assistant
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Life Adventure Consultants Ltd	- Program Officer
- Yuen Foong Medical Diagnostic Centre Ltd	- Technician
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Azeus Systems Limited	- Clerk
- CK Life Sciences Int'l Inc	- Graduate Assistant
- ING Life Insurance Co (Bermuda) Ltd	- Registered Insurance Consultant

Note: Some of the 2002 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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