

Where did the 2002 Physics 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 Physics 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 20 graduates from this programme, 15 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Physics				HKU Overall*			
	2002		2001		2002		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	15	100%	14	100%	2139	100%	2356	100%
Employed	7	47%	8	57%	1546	72%	1775	75%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	18	0.8%	83	3.5%
Further Studies	8	53%	6	43%	554	26%	473	20%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	3	0.1%	1	0.1%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	18	0.8%	24	1.0%

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III. Further Studies

8 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				
	M.Phil.	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate	Bachelor's Degree	Advanced Diploma / Diploma
Business Administration/Management	-	1	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-	-	2
Science	1	1	2	-	-
Others	-	-	-	1	-

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	6
Government Grant + Loan	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	
	2002	2001
May or before	0%	13%
June	57%	25%
July	57%	38%
August	71%	50%
September	86%	63%
October	86%	75%
November	86%	100%
December	100%	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Physics 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	57%	38%
Educational Institutions	29%	25%
Community, Social & Personal Services	14%	0%
Civil Service	0%	38%

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Physics graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	Physics		HKU Average*		Physics		HKU Average*	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
Mean	\$10,795	\$12,631	\$13,507	\$15,327	\$10,845	\$13,090	\$14,410	\$16,152
Median	\$10,000	\$11,653	\$10,300	\$12,200	\$10,000	\$12,653	\$11,000	\$13,217
Minimum	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$2,000	\$5,000
Maximum	\$17,200	\$17,100	\$75,000	\$45,000	\$17,200	\$17,100	\$95,833	\$49,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	3 (50%)
Two	2 (33%)
Three	1 (17%)

No Response = 1

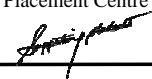
VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- Hon Wah Middle School	- Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong - SPACE	- Executive Assistant II
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Star Focus International Limited	- Permitted Teacher
Commerce and Industry -	
- Asian Express	- Customer Service Officer
- Cho Ho Machinery Factory	- Post Engineer
- PCCW	- Account Executive
- Salemay Pro-Tech Limited	- Sales Engineer

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.
Please contact the CePc for further details.

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