

Where did the 2002 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2002 to answer the following questions about Master 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 2002

Of the 39 graduates from this programme, 18 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)				HKU Overall*			
	2002		2001		2002		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	18	100%	37	100%	173	100%	181	100%
Employed	14	78%	27	73%	132	76%	122	67%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	2	5.4%	3	1.7%	4	2.2%
Further Studies	3	17%	8	22%	27	16%	39	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	6	3.5%	15	8.3%
Not seeking F/T job	1	5.6%	0	0%	5	2.9%	1	0.6%

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III. Further Studies

3 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.
Industrial Engineering	2

No Response = 1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	2

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	45%	23%
June	45%	27%
July	45%	46%
August	45%	62%
September	64%	77%
October	91%	77%
November	91%	88%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 2

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2002	2001
Commerce & Industry	92%	59%
Educational Institutions	8.3%	30%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0%	7.4%
Civil Service	0%	3.7%

No Response = 1

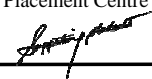
VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
Mean	\$14,910	\$16,775	\$17,936	\$18,932	\$15,374	\$17,280	\$18,460	\$19,298
Median	\$15,000	\$15,520	\$16,050	\$17,100	\$16,125	\$15,600	\$16,359	\$17,100
Minimum	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$6,400	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$6,400
Maximum	\$17,500	\$36,000	\$70,000	\$45,000	\$17,875	\$39,000	\$90,000	\$45,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	10 (83%)
Three	2 (17%)

No Response = 1

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering	- Research Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- Automated Systems Limited	- System Engineer
- Concord Camera	- Firmware Engineer
- HSBC	- System Analyst
- Kong Sun Engineering & Construction Co Ltd	- Construction Engineer
- Siemens Ltd HK	- Application Specialist
- Techvision	- Software Engineer
- TeleEye Holding Ltd	- Engineer
- UL International Ltd	- Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- Insurance Salesman
- Organization's name not reported	- Planner
- Organization's name not reported	- Programmer
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Electronic Engineer

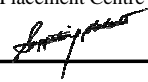
Note: Some of the 2002 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.

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