

Where did the 2002 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) 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 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 2002

Of the 48 graduates from this programme, 35 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Science)				HKU Overall*			
	2002		2001		2002		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	35	100%	26	100%	173	100%	181	100%
Employed	22	63%	16	62%	132	76%	122	67%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	3	1.7%	4	2.2%
Further Studies	13	37%	9	35%	27	16%	39	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	6	3.5%	15	8.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	1	4%	5	2.9%	1	0.6%

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III. Further Studies

13 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	1	1	-
Quantity Surveying/Surveying	1	-	-
Science	7	2	-

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	11

No Response = 2

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	19%	64%
June	24%	64%
July	24%	71%
August	29%	79%
September	52%	86%
October	57%	86%
November	62%	100%
December	100%	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2002	2001
Educational Institutions	50%	56%
Commerce & Industry	35%	19%
Civil Service	15%	13%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0%	13%

No Response = 1


VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
Mean	\$15,851	\$16,293	\$17,936	\$18,932	\$16,158	\$16,538	\$18,460	\$19,298
Median	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$16,050	\$17,100	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$16,359	\$17,100
Minimum	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$6,400	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$6,400
Maximum	\$28,000	\$20,000	\$70,000	\$45,000	\$28,000	\$20,000	\$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 Science) graduates is shown in the following table.


No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	6 (29%)
Two	8 (38%)
Three	4 (19%)
Four	2 (9.5%)
Five	1 (4.8%)

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master 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 and Conservation Department	- Nature Conservation Officer
- HKSAR - Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	- Nature Conservation Officer
- HKSAR - Environmental Protection Department	- Environmental Education Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- Kowloon Wah Yan College	- Teacher
- St. Peter's Secondary School	- Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Microbiology	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Physics	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - E-Business Technology Institute	- Technology Officer

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Commerce and Industry -

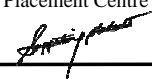
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| - CK Life Sciences Int'l., Inc. | - Assistant Scientific Officer |
| - Maunsell Geotechnical Service Ltd | - Assistant Geologist |
| - SNP Manhattan Press (HK) Ltd | - Assistant Editor |
| - SNP Manhattan Press (HK) Ltd. | - Editor |
| - Swire Coca-Cola Limited | - Purchasing Agent |
| - Vantico Limited | - Technical & Business
Support Executive |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Sales & Services Engineer |

Others -

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| - Organization's name not reported | - Teacher |
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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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