

Where did the 2002 Doctor 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 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- 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, 17 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Science)				HKU Overall*			
	2002		2001		2002		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	17	100%	15	100%	173	100%	181	100%
Employed	15	88%	10	67%	132	76%	122	67%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	3	1.7%	4	2.2%
Further Studies	0	0%	1	6.7%	27	16%	39	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	1	5.9%	4	27%	6	3.5%	15	8.3%
Not seeking F/T job	1	5.9%	0	0%	5	2.9%	1	0.6%

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III. 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	38%	50%
June	38%	60%
July	46%	70%
August	62%	80%
September	77%	90%
October	100%	100%

No Response = 1

IV. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2002	2001
Educational Institutions	79%	40%
Commerce & Industry	21%	40%
Civil Service	0%	20%

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V. 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*	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
Mean	\$21,164	\$24,487	\$17,936	\$18,932	\$21,671	\$24,630	\$18,460	\$19,298
Median	\$20,500	\$20,000	\$16,050	\$17,100	\$22,208	\$20,000	\$16,359	\$17,100
Minimum	\$13,690	\$15,160	\$9,000	\$6,400	\$13,690	\$15,160	\$9,000	\$6,400
Maximum	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$70,000	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$45,000	\$90,000	\$45,000

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


VI. 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	8 (62%)
Two	4 (31%)
Three	1 (7.7%)

No Response = 1

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VII. 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>
Educational Institutions -	
- St. Mary's Canossian College	- Graduate Mistress
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Post-Doctoral Fellow
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Post-Doctoral Fellow
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong - Department of Biology	- Research Associate
- 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	- Senior Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Geology	- Post-Doctoral Fellow
Commerce and Industry -	
- A-Tech	- Sale Manager
- CK Life Sciences Int'l., Inc.	- Senior Science Officer
- Varitronix Limited	- R&D 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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VIII. Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.
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