

Where did the 2002 Doctor of Philosophy 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 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 135 graduates from this programme, 55 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD			
	2002		2001	
	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	55	100%	52	100%
Employed	45	82%	32	62%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	2	3.6%	0	0%
Further Studies	1	1.8%	5	9.6%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	4	7.3%	15	29%
Not seeking F/T job	3	5.5%	0	0%

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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	35%	57%
June	38%	64%
July	44%	75%
August	59%	82%
September	79%	93%
October	97%	96%
November	97%	96%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 7

IV. Employment Sectors

The majority of Doctor of Philosophy graduates were employed in Educational Institutions, while others were employed in Commerce & Industry, Community, Social & Personal Services and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2002	2001
Educational Institutions	79%	48%
Commerce & Industry	16%	33%
Community, Social & Personal Services	2.6%	11%
Civil Service	2.6%	7.4%

No Response = 3

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V. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Doctor of Philosophy graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
Mean	\$23,474	\$27,845	\$24,541	\$28,232
Median	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$22,000	\$30,000
Minimum	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$12,000	\$15,160
Maximum	\$70,000	\$45,000	\$90,000	\$45,000

VI. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	20 (65%)
Two	7 (23%)
Three	3 (9.7%)
Four	1 (3.2%)

No Response = 10

VII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service - - HKSAR - Education Department	- Research Officer
Educational Institutions - - Carnegie Mellon University - Chang Pui Chung Memorial School - City University of Hong Kong	- Post-Doctoral Fellow - Graduate Master - Associate Head

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- City University of Hong Kong	- Lecturer
- City University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- 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	- Post-Doctoral Fellow
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong - Department of Biology	- Research Associate
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education	- Lecturer
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education - Department of Educational Policy and Administration	- Full-time Instructor I
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Research Assistant
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Scientific Officer
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-Doctoral Fellow
- 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	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong	- Senior Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Community Medicine	- 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
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Post-Doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of O&G	- Senior Research Assistant
- University of Alabama	- Post-Doctoral Fellow
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Shanghai East Hospital	- Assistant Professor
Commerce and Industry -	
- A-Tech	- Sale Manager
- CK Life Sciences Int'l., Inc.	- Senior Science Officer
- DTV	- PRC Department Manager
- Pentominos Ltd.	- Consultant
- Varitronix Limited	- R&D Engineer
- We-Start Component Co. Ltd	- Project Engineer

No Response = 3

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.
Please contact the CePc for further details.

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