

Where did the 2003 Earth Sciences graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2003 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Science in Earth Sciences 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 2003

Of the 28 graduates from this programme, 27 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Earth Sciences				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	27	100%	19	100%	2364	100%	2139	100%
Employed	21	78%	16	84%	1712	72%	1546	72%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	3.7%	0	0%	7	0.3%	18	0.8%
Further Studies	5	19%	3	16%	625	26%	554	26%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	3	0.1%	3	0.1%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	17	0.7%	18	0.8%

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III. Further Studies

5 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.	Postgraduate Certificate
Education	-	4
Science	1	-

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	2
Government Grant + Loan	2
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	
	2003	2002
May or before	0%	21%
June	5.9%	21%
July	41%	57%
August	53%	79%
September	76%	79%
October	94%	86%
November	94%	86%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 3

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Earth Sciences graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Commerce & Industry	79%	64%
Civil Service	21%	14%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0%	21%

No Response = 1

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Earth Sciences graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	Earth Sciences		HKU Average*		Earth Sciences		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
Mean	\$8,793	\$9,848	\$12,545	\$13,507	\$8,970	\$9,969	\$13,470	\$14,410
Median	\$8,000	\$9,300	\$9,500	\$10,300	\$8,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$11,000
Minimum	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000
Maximum	\$17,000	\$16,095	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$17,000	\$16,095	\$60,000	\$95,833

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	4 (25%)
Two	7 (44%)
Three	2 (13%)
Four	2 (13%)
Five	1 (6.3%)

No Response = 4

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSARG - Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	- Country Park Officer
- HKSARG - Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	- Park Ranger Trainee
- HKSARG - Civil Engineering Department	- Engineering Geology Graduate
- HKSARG - Civil Engineering Department	- Geo-technical Engineer
Commerce and Industry -	
- ACNielsen (China) Limited	- Occupation's name not reported
- Gold Ran Engineering and Development Ltd	- Assistant Geologist
- Green Rank Ltd.	- Assistant Engineering
- Hong Kong Agricultural Co.Ltd.	- Management Trainee
- Hong Kong Seibu Enterprise Ltd	- Customer Service Officer
- Jumpin Gym U.S.A. Ltd.	- Administration Officer
- Kai Shing Management Services Ltd	- Property officer Trainee
- Lutron GL Ltd	- Administration Officers
- New Carter Industrial Company	- Marketing Trainee



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- Ove Arup & Partners (HK) Ltd	- Graduate Engineer
- Pilou Company Ltd.	- Export Executive
- Profit Charter Wnvirotech Ltd	- Project Manager
- Prudential Assurance Company Ltd.	- Occupation's name not reported
- Shuion Architectural Ltd	- Contractor
- Organization's name not reported	- Customer Service

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2003 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about the 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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