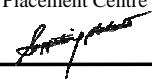


Where did the 2003 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) graduates go?



I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2003 to answer the following questions about Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) 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 46 graduates from this programme, 30 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Arts)				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	30	100%	24	100%	179	100%	173	100%
Employed	20	67%	20	83%	130	73%	132	76%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1.7%
Further Studies	9	30%	4	17%	35	20%	27	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	1	3.3%	0	0%	12	6.7%	6	3.5%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	2	1.1%	5	2.9%

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

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III. Further Studies

9 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.	Postgraduate Certificate
Architecture	1	-
Arts	6	-
Education	-	1

No Response = 1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	8
Scholarship + Own Funds	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	35%	28%
June	35%	28%
July	41%	44%
August	53%	67%
September	76%	83%
October	82%	89%
November	88%	94%
December	100%	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Educational Institutions	35%	56%
Commerce & Industry	35%	22%
Civil Service	18%	17%
Community, Social & Personal Services	12%	5.6%

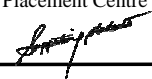
VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Arts)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Arts)		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
Mean	\$15,200	\$16,242	\$18,729	\$17,936	\$15,319	\$16,372	\$18,991	\$18,460
Median	\$15,500	\$15,525	\$17,000	\$16,050	\$15,500	\$16,150	\$17,100	\$16,359
Minimum	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
Maximum	\$26,920	\$28,075	\$95,833	\$70,000	\$26,920	\$28,075	\$95,833	\$90,000

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

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	10 (63%)
Two	4 (25%)
Three	2 (13%)

No Response = 1

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSARG - Antiquities and Monuments Office	- Heritage Assistant
- HKSARG - Department of Health	- Health Promotion Officer
- HKSARG - Home Affairs Department	- Liaison Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- City University of Hong Kong	- Instructor
- St Paul's Co-Educational College	- Graduate Master
- The Chinese Foundation Secondary School	- Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Assistant Language Instructor
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Geography	- Research Assistant
- Young Ko Hsiao Lin Secondary School	- Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- A1 College	- Teacher
- Hong Kong Trade Development Council	- Project Executive

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Commerce and Industry -

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| - Camp Dresser and McKee International Inc | - Project Engineer |
| - Citi Frontier China Research Ltd | - Research Assistant |
| - Lee Kum Kei (INT) LTD | - Assistant Product Manager |
| - Ling Kee Publishing Co. Ltd | - Assistant Editor |
| - Three Music | - Composer |
| - Toyota Motor China Ltd | - Management Trainee |

Note: Some of the 2003 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. Please contact the CePc for further details.

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