

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

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## 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 Engineering) 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 35 graduates from this programme, 26 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	26	100%	18	100%	179	100%	173	100%
<b>Employed</b>	21	81%	14	78%	130	73%	132	76%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1.7%
<b>Further Studies</b>	5	19%	3	17%	35	20%	27	16%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0%	0	0%	12	6.7%	6	3.5%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	1	5.6%	2	1.1%	5	2.9%

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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	
	Ph.D.	Master (Coursework)
Civil Engineering	2	-
Computer Science	1	-
Others	1	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	4

No Response = 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%	45%
June	40%	45%
July	55%	45%
August	80%	45%
September	90%	64%
October	90%	91%
November	90%	91%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 1

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### V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Commerce & Industry	70%	92%
Educational Institutions	30%	8.3%

No Response = 1

### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
<b>Mean</b>	\$14,526	\$14,910	\$18,729	\$17,936	\$14,767	\$15,374	\$18,991	\$18,460
<b>Median</b>	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$16,050	\$14,625	\$16,125	\$17,100	\$16,359
<b>Minimum</b>	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$20,800	\$17,500	\$95,833	\$70,000	\$20,800	\$17,875	\$95,833	\$90,000

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### VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	8 (42%)
Two	4 (21%)
Three	6 (32%)
Four	1 (5.3%)

No Response = 2

### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- Carmel Palu Secondary School	- Graduate Master
- St. Francis Canossian College	- Teacher
- St. Paul Convent School (secondary Session)	- Temporary Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Assistant Project Engineer
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
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### Commerce and Industry -

- |                                      |                                     |
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| - Architectural Metal & Coating Ltd  | - Project Coordinator               |
| - ASM Assembly Automation Ltd        | - Medical Engineer                  |
| - ASM Assembly Automation Ltd        | - Process Engineer                  |
| - Black & Veatch Hong Kong Ltd       | - Assistant Engineer                |
| - Dah Chong Hong (MSC) Ltd           | - Assistant Manager                 |
| - Eltek                              | - Engineer                          |
| - Entmux Limited                     | - Research and Development Engineer |
| - Hop Lun (Hong Kong) Ltd            | - Support Engineer                  |
| - HSBC                               | - Programmer                        |
| - Motorola Semi Conductors H.K. Ltd. | - Engineer                          |
| - PAWS Multimedia                    | - Computer Project Officer          |
| - Solomon Systech Limited            | - Design Engineer                   |
| - Telecom Digital Ltd                | - Analyze Programmer                |
| - Organization's name not reported   | - Assistant Manager                 |

### Others -

- |                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| - Organization's name not reported | - Consultant |
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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.  
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