

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



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I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2003 to answer following questions about Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) 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 44 graduates from this programme, 28 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Science)				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	28	100%	35	100%	179	100%	173	100%
Employed	17	61%	22	63%	130	73%	132	76%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1.7%
Further Studies	10	36%	13	37%	35	20%	27	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	1	3.6%	0	0%	12	6.7%	6	3.5%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	2	1.1%	5	2.9%

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III. Further Studies

10 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
Education	-	2
Quantity Surveying/Surveying	1	-
Science	6	-

No Response = 1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	9

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	27%	19%
June	40%	24%
July	47%	24%
August	53%	29%
September	67%	52%
October	87%	57%
November	87%	62%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 2

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Educational Institutions	56%	50%
Community, Social & Personal Services	19%	0%
Commerce & Industry	19%	35%
Civil Service	6.3%	15%

No Response = 1

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
Mean	\$14,630	\$15,851	\$18,729	\$17,936	\$15,105	\$16,158	\$18,991	\$18,460
Median	\$14,415	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$16,050	\$14,708	\$15,000	\$17,100	\$16,359
Minimum	\$8,850	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$9,588	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
Maximum	\$26,000	\$28,000	\$95,833	\$70,000	\$26,000	\$28,000	\$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 Science) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	8 (57%)
Two	5 (36%)
Five	1 (7.1%)

No Response = 3

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master 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>
Civil Service -	
- HKSARG - Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	- Research Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- Heung To Middle School	- Graduate Master
- S.T.F.A Yung Yau Collage	- Teacher
- St Gloria College	- Teacher
- St Paul's Secondary School	- Teacher
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Survey	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - SPACE	- Teacher

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Community, Social and Personal Services -

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| - CK Life Sciences Int'l., Inc. | - Assistant Science Officer |
| - CK Life Sciences Int'l., Inc. | - Assistant Science Officer |
| - Hospital Authority - Prince Wales Hospital | - Research Assistant |

Commerce and Industry -

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| - Anwell Precision Technology(HK) Ltd | - Service Engineer |
| - Belton Electronic Industrial | - Occupation's name not reported |
| - Dairy Farm - Welcome | - Administrative Assistant |

Others -

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| - Organization's name not reported | - Technical Support |
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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.
Please contact the CePc for further details.

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