

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



I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2003 to answer the following questions about Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- 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 29 graduates from this programme, 17 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Engineering)				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	17	100%	14	100%	179	100%	173	100%
Employed	14	82%	10	71%	130	73%	132	76%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	2	14%	0	0%	3	1.7%
Further Studies	0	0%	1	7.1%	35	20%	27	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	3	18%	1	7.1%	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 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	45%	33%
June	55%	33%
July	82%	33%
August	82%	33%
September	100%	67%
October	100%	100%
November	100%	100%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 3

IV Employment Sectors

The majority of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates were employed in Educational Institutions, while others were employed in Commerce & Industry and Community, Social & Personal Services.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Educational Institutions	64%	71%
Commerce & Industry	27%	29%
Community, Social & Personal Services	9.1%	0.0%

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PhD (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*		PhD (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
Mean	\$21,730	\$17,159	\$18,729	\$17,936	\$22,058	\$17,302	\$18,991	\$18,460
Median	\$18,000	\$16,095	\$17,000	\$16,050	\$18,000	\$16,095	\$17,100	\$16,359
Minimum	\$12,300	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$13,325	\$12,000	\$6,000	\$9,000
Maximum	\$44,961	\$30,000	\$95,833	\$70,000	\$44,961	\$30,000	\$95,833	\$90,000

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

VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	6 (55%)
Two	3 (27%)
Three	2 (18%)

No Response = 3

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor 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>
Educational Institutions -	
- The University of Hong Kong	- Assistant Professor
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post Doctor Fellowship
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Civil Engineering	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Computer Science and Information System	- Post Doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Mechanical Engineering	- Research Assistant
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Hong Kong Productivity Council - Materials Technology Division	- Associate Consultant
Commerce and Industry -	
- HK International Terminals	- Analyst
- Organization's name not reported	- Production Engineer

No Response = 4

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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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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