

# Where did the 2003 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) 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 Science) 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 43 graduates from this programme, 25 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Science)				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	25	100%	17	100%	179	100%	173	100%
<b>Employed</b>	21	84%	15	88%	130	73%	132	76%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1.7%
<b>Further Studies</b>	0	0%	0	0%	35	20%	27	16%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	2	8.0%	1	5.9%	12	6.7%	6	3.5%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	2	8.0%	1	5.9%	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	35%	38%
June	47%	38%
July	53%	46%
August	76%	62%
September	82%	77%
October	88%	100%
November	88%	100%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 1

### IV Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Educational Institutions	78%	79%
Civil Service	11%	0%
Community, Social & Personal Services	5.6%	0%
Commerce & Industry	5.6%	21%

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### V Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PhD (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*		PhD (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
<b>Mean</b>	\$23,775	\$21,164	\$18,729	\$17,936	\$23,848	\$21,671	\$18,991	\$18,460
<b>Median</b>	\$19,500	\$20,500	\$17,000	\$16,050	\$19,500	\$22,208	\$17,100	\$16,359
<b>Minimum</b>	\$14,000	\$13,690	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$15,167	\$13,690	\$6,000	\$9,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$95,833	\$70,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$95,833	\$90,000

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### VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	11 (65%)
Two	3 (18%)
Three	2 (12%)
Six	1 (5.9%)

No Response = 1

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### VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor 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>
<b>Civil Service -</b>	
- HKSARG - Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department	- Forestry Officer
- HKSARG - Agriculture, Fisheries & Conservation Department	- Officer
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- City University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- City University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- Cornell University - Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics	- Post Doctoral Associate
- Heung To Middle School	- Teacher
- Sing Yin Secondary School	- Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post Doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post Doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Zoology	- Post Doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Earth Sciences	- Senior Research Assistant
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- South China Sea Institute of Oceanology, CAS	- Professor
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- ALS Tecanicherq (HK) PTY LTD	- Chemist

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.  
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