

Where did the 2004 Chemistry graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2004 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Science in Chemistry 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 2004

Of the 27 graduates from this programme, 27 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Chemistry				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	27	100%	26	100%	2361	100%	2364	100%
Employed	17	63%	10	38%	1787	76%	1712	72%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	15	0.6%	7	0.3%
Further Studies	10	37%	14	54%	531	22%	625	26%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	7	0.3%	3	0.1%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	2	7.7%	21	0.9%	17	0.7%

* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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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.	M.Phil.	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate
Education	-	-	-	4
Science	4	1	1	-

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	4
Government Grant + Loan	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	3

No Response = 2

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	
	2004	2003
May or before	13%	13%
June	47%	38%
July	73%	63%
August	93%	88%
September	100%	88%
October	100%	88%
November	100%	88%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 1

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Chemistry graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Commerce & Industry	93%	67%
Community, Social & Personal Services	7.1%	0%
Educational Institutions	0%	33%

No Response = 2

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Chemistry graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	Chemistry		HKU Average*		Chemistry		HKU Average*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Mean	\$8,957	\$10,024	\$12,550	\$12,545	\$9,664	\$11,108	\$13,374	\$13,470
Median	\$8,650	\$8,750	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$9,604	\$10,625	\$10,292	\$10,000
Minimum	\$7,500	\$7,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$7,583	\$3,500	\$3,000
Maximum	\$13,000	\$17,220	\$55,000	\$60,000	\$14,083	\$17,220	\$62,500	\$60,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Chemistry graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	8 (53%)
Two	4 (27%)
Three	1 (6.7%)
Five	1 (6.7%)
Eight or more	1 (6.7%)

No Response = 1

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Chemistry graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Brilliant Learning Centre	- Teacher
Commerce and Industry -	
- Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (HK) Ltd	- Assistant Chemist
- Bureau Veritas Hong Kong Limited	- Engineer
- EMS (HK) Ltd	- Research and Development Chemist
- Incomparable (H.K) Ltd	- Merchandiser
- Kanematsu Corporation	- Sales Executive
- Neochem Pharmaceutical Laboratories Ltd.	- Quality Control Technician
- Onwon Trading Limited	- Product Specialist
- SGS Hong Kong Ltd	- Technician
- SGS Hong Kong Ltd	- Technician
- Solent Manufacturing Ltd.	- Chemical Engineer
- TKS Exhibition Services Ltd	- Sales Executive
- United Italian Corp Ltd	- Product Specialist
- Organization's name not reported	- Cinema Executive
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Secretary

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2004 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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