

Where did the 2004 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) graduates go?

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I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2004 to answer the following questions about Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) 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 43 graduates from this programme, 30 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Arts)				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	30	100%	30	100%	271	100%	179	100%
Employed	24	80%	20	67%	177	65%	130	73%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	4	1.5%	0	0%
Further Studies	4	13%	9	30%	43	16%	35	20%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	1	3%	34	13%	12	6.7%
Not seeking F/T job	2	6.7%	0	0%	13	4.8%	2	1.1%

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III. Further Studies

4 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)
Arts	2	-
Others	-	1

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	
	2004	2003
May or before	29%	35%
June	38%	35%
July	62%	41%
August	67%	53%
September	81%	76%
October	90%	82%
November	95%	88%
December	100%	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Educational Institutions	48%	35%
Community, Social & Personal Services	24%	12%
Commerce & Industry	24%	35%
Civil Service	4.8%	18%

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Arts)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Arts)		HKU Average*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Mean	\$13,889	\$15,200	\$15,861	\$18,729	\$14,175	\$15,319	\$16,096	\$18,991
Median	\$12,820	\$15,500	\$14,000	\$17,000	\$13,500	\$15,500	\$14,600	\$17,100
Minimum	\$8,500	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$24,925	\$26,920	\$60,000	\$95,833	\$24,925	\$26,920	\$60,000	\$95,833

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	9 (43%)
Two	8 (38%)
Three	3 (14%)
Four	1 (4.8%)

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSARG - Department of Health	- Administrative Assistant
Educational Institutions -	
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Executive Assistant
- Lingnam University - Asia Pacific Institute of Ageing Studying	- Project Officer
- St. Paul's Co-Educational College	- Graduate Mistress
- The University of Hong Kong	- Assistant Researcher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Linguistics	- Teaching Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Faculty of Education	- Project Manager
- The University of Hong Kong - School of Professional and Continuing Education	- College Lecturer
- TWGHs Lee Ching Dea Memorial College	- Teacher

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Community, Social and Personal Services -

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| - China Labour Bulletin | - Web Editor |
| - City Contemporary Dance Company | - Assistant Manager |
| - Hong Kong Art Centre | - Assistant Director |
| - Hong Kong Jockey Club | - Assistant |
| - Joba International (HK) Ltd | - Instructor |

Commerce and Industry -

- | | |
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| - Casio Computer (Hong Kong) Ltd | - Business Coordinator |
| - ENSR Environmental International Inc | - Environmental Scientist |
| - Joyce Gallery Limited | - Gallery Assistant |
| - KCRC | - Station Officer |
| - Yellow Creative (HK) Limited | - Account Executive |

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.
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