

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



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 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 2004

Of the 56 graduates from this programme, 42 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Science)				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	42	100%	28	100%	271	100%	179	100%
Employed	30	71%	17	61%	177	65%	130	73%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	4	1.5%	0	0%
Further Studies	12	29%	10	36%	43	16%	35	20%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	1	3.6%	34	13%	12	6.7%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	13	4.8%	2	1.1%

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III. Further Studies

12 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)
Medical Science	2	1
Science	5	-
Social Sciences	1	-
Others	2	-

No Response = 1

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

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	27%	27%
June	46%	40%
July	62%	47%
August	77%	53%
September	81%	67%
October	92%	87%
November	96%	87%
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 Commerce & Industry and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Educational Institutions	72%	56%
Commerce & Industry	24%	19%
Civil Service	4.0%	6.3%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0%	19%

No Response = 3

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*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Mean	\$13,157	\$14,630	\$15,861	\$18,729	\$13,328	\$15,105	\$16,096	\$18,991
Median	\$13,000	\$14,415	\$14,000	\$17,000	\$13,000	\$14,708	\$14,600	\$17,100
Minimum	\$8,500	\$8,850	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$9,588	\$6,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$20,000	\$26,000	\$60,000	\$95,833	\$20,000	\$26,000	\$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 Science) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	12 (46%)
Two	9 (35%)
Three	5 (19%)

No Response = 2

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	- Assistant Pest Control Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- Baptist University	- Research Assistant
- Cognitio College	- Teacher
- Ho Fung College	- Certificate Master
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Technician
- Hong Kong Sam Yuk Secondary School	- Certificate Master
- Matteo Ricci College, Kowloon	- Graduate Master
- MH Lau Secondary School	- Teacher
- Tak Yan School	- Teacher
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant

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- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Earth Science	- Technical Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Earth Science	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Microbiology	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Microbiology	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Surgery	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Family Institute	- Project Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
Commerce and Industry -	
- HSBC	- Project Assistant
- Laserwort Limited	- Assistant Engineer
- Nanotechnology Limited	- Assistant Manager
- PuraPharm International (HK) Limited	- Production Officer
- Raymond Chu International Limited	- Assistant Purchasing Coordinator
- Organization's name not reported	- Researcher
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Graduate Master
- Organization's name not reported	- Lab Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Technician

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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