

Where did the 2004 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) 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 Social Sciences) 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 21 graduates from this programme, 14 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	14	100%	16	100%	271	100%	179	100%
Employed	11	79%	11	69%	177	65%	130	73%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	4	1.5%	0	0%
Further Studies	2	14%	5	31%	43	16%	35	20%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	34	13%	12	6.7%
Not seeking F/T job	1	7.1%	0	0%	13	4.8%	2	1.1%

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III. Further Studies

2 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)
Social Sciences	1	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	22%	50%
June	44%	63%
July	56%	63%
August	67%	63%
September	89%	88%
October	100%	88%
November	100%	88%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 1

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Educational Institutions	44%	45%
Commerce & Industry	44%	9.1%
Community, Social & Personal Services	11%	45%

No Response = 1

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Average*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Mean	\$14,690	\$22,365	\$15,861	\$18,729	\$15,479	\$22,532	\$16,096	\$18,991
Median	\$15,000	\$15,500	\$14,000	\$17,000	\$15,000	\$15,500	\$14,600	\$17,100
Minimum	\$8,000	\$6,600	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$6,600	\$6,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$18,533	\$95,833	\$60,000	\$95,833	\$22,395	\$95,833	\$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 Social Sciences) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	5 (56%)
Two	1 (11%)
Three	1 (11%)
Four	2 (22%)

No Response = 1

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School	- Graduate Master
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Certificate Master
- Organization's name not reported	- Certificate Master
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Office of the Hon. James Tien, GBS, JP & Mark Lin, JP	- Personal Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- AcNielsen (China) Limited	- Senior Client Service Executive
- HSBC	- Campaign Management Officer
- LVMH Group	- Supply Chain Assistant
- Maxim's Caterers Limited	- Assistant Supervisor

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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