

Where did the 2004 Master 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 Social Sciences 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 2004

Of the 23 graduates from this programme, 20 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSocSc				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	20	100%	2	100%	707	100%	690	100%
Employed	19	95%	2	100%	642	91%	605	88%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	5.0%	0	0%	8	1.1%	9	1.3%
Further Studies	0	0%	0	0%	30	4.2%	51	7.4%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	14	2.0%	8	1.2%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	13	1.8%	17	2.5%

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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	
	2004	2003
May or before	44%	100%
June	69%	100%
July	88%	100%
August	94%	100%
September	100%	100%

No Response = 1

IV. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Social Sciences graduates were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services, while others were employed in Educational Institutions.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Community, Social & Personal Services	71%	50%
Educational Institutions	29%	0%
Civil Service	0%	50%

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V. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Social Sciences graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MSocSc		HKU Average*		MSocSc		HKU Average*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Mean	\$25,643	\$29,038	\$16,731	\$16,502	\$25,643	\$30,799	\$17,063	\$16,825
Median	\$25,917	\$29,038	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$25,917	\$30,799	\$15,000	\$16,000
Minimum	\$14,000	\$28,075	\$6,000	\$3,900	\$14,000	\$30,000	\$6,000	\$3,900
Maximum	\$35,000	\$30,000	\$100,000	\$85,000	\$35,000	\$31,597	\$100,000	\$92,083

* HKU Average refers to the figure for the HKU Taught Postgraduate Programme graduates.

VI. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Social Sciences graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	8 (50%)
Two	7 (44%)
Five	1 (6.3%)

No Response = 1

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VII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master 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 -	
- ECF Saint Too Canaan College	- Education Psychologist
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong - Hong Kong Mood Disorders Centre	- Clinical Psychologist
- The University of Hong Kong	- Counsellor
- The University of Hong Kong	- Student Counsellor
- The University of Hong Kong	- Student Counsellor
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong	- Educational Psychologist
- Heep Hong Society	- Educational Psychologist
- Hong Kong Sheung Kung Hui Primary School Counselling Service	- Educational Psychologist
- Hospital Authority	- Occupation's name not reported
- Lutheran Church Hong Kong	- Educational Psychologist
- Po Leung Kuk	- Educational Psychologist
- Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council	- Psychologist
- The Boys and Girls Club Association of Hong Kong	- Educational Psychologist
- The Catholic Placese of Hong Kong	- Educational Psychologist
- The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China	- Clinical Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Clinical Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Physiologist

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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VIII. 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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