

# Where did the 2004 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates go?



## I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2004 to answer the following questions about Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) 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 29 graduates from this programme, 22 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Engineering)				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	22	100%	17	100%	271	100%	179	100%
<b>Employed</b>	11	50%	14	82%	177	65%	130	73%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	1	4.5%	0	0%	4	1.5%	0	0%
<b>Further Studies</b>	0	0%	0	0%	43	16%	35	20%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	9	41%	3	18%	34	13%	12	6.7%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	1	4.5%	0	0%	13	4.8%	2	1.1%

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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	67%	45%
June	67%	55%
July	67%	82%
August	67%	82%
September	83%	100%
October	100%	100%

No Response = 4

### IV. Employment Sectors

The majority of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates were employed in Educational Institutions, while others were employed in Commerce & Industry.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Educational Institutions	50%	64%
Commerce & Industry	50%	27%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0%	9.1%

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### V. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PhD (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*		PhD (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
<b>Mean</b>	\$19,075	\$21,730	\$15,861	\$18,729	\$19,415	\$22,058	\$16,096	\$18,991
<b>Median</b>	\$15,650	\$18,000	\$14,000	\$17,000	\$16,329	\$18,000	\$14,600	\$17,100
<b>Minimum</b>	\$15,000	\$12,300	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$15,000	\$13,325	\$6,000	\$6,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$30,000	\$44,961	\$60,000	\$95,833	\$30,000	\$44,961	\$60,000	\$95,833

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

### VI. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	5 (83%)
Two	1 (17%)

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### VII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- Macau Polytechnic Institute	- Associate Professor
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Civil Engineering	- Research Associate
- Tohoku University	- Post-doctoral Fellow
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- ASM Assembly Automation Ltd	- Engineer
- ASM Assembly Automation Ltd	- Mechanical Engineer
- Johnson Electric (Shanghai) Ltd	- Technical Specialist
- Luxform	- Consultant
- Okia Optical Ltd	- Engineer

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.  
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