

Where did the 2004 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Medicine) 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 Medicine) 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 32 graduates from this programme, 15 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Medicine)				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	15	100%	4	100%	271	100%	179	100%
Employed	13	87%	4	100%	177	65%	130	73%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	6.7%	0	0%	4	1.5%	0	0%
Further Studies	0	0%	0	0%	43	16%	35	20%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	34	13%	12	6.7%
Not seeking F/T job	1	6.7%	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	60%	25%
June	60%	25%
July	70%	25%
August	80%	50%
September	80%	50%
October	100%	100%

No Response = 3

IV Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Educational Institutions	75%	75%
Civil Service	17%	0%
Community, Social & Personal Services	8.3%	25%

No Response = 1



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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PhD (Faculty of Medicine)		HKU Average*		PhD (Faculty of Medicine)		HKU Average*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Mean	\$21,229	\$25,084	\$15,861	\$18,729	\$21,488	\$25,563	\$16,096	\$18,991
Median	\$21,927	\$23,168	\$14,000	\$17,000	\$21,927	\$24,126	\$14,600	\$17,100
Minimum	\$11,600	\$23,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$11,600	\$23,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$30,500	\$31,000	\$60,000	\$95,833	\$30,500	\$31,000	\$60,000	\$95,833

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VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	6 (60%)
Two	2 (20%)
Three	2 (20%)

No Response = 3

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Medicine) 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	- Research Officer
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Educational Institutions -	
- Harvard Medical School (USA)	- Researcher
- The Oregon Health & Science University (USA)	- Visiting Scholar
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Biochemistry	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Technician
- The University of Hong Kong - Faculty of Medicine - Department of O&G	- Research Assistant
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Renji Hospital, Shanghai Second Medical University	- Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon

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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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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