

Where did the 2004 Doctor of Philosophy 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 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 151 graduates from this programme, 106 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD				HKU Overall*			
	2004		2003		2004		2003	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	106	100%	60	100%	271	100%	179	100%
Employed	63	59%	47	78%	177	65%	130	73%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	3	2.8%	0	0%	4	1.5%	0	0%
Further Studies	0	0%	1	1.7%	43	16%	35	20%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	30	28%	10	17%	34	13%	12	6.7%
Not seeking F/T job	10	9.4%	2	3.3%	13	4.8%	2	1.1%

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

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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	55%	36%
June	62%	47%
July	69%	58%
August	79%	72%
September	86%	83%
October	95%	94%
November	100%	94%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 16

IV Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2004	2003
Educational Institutions	71%	77%
Commerce & Industry	18%	10%
Community, Social & Personal Services	7.3%	7.7%
Civil Service	3.6%	5.1%

No Response = 3

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Doctor of Philosophy graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PhD		HKU Average*		PhD		HKU Average*	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
Mean	\$21,555	\$24,023	\$15,861	\$18,729	\$21,645	\$24,361	\$16,096	\$18,991
Median	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$14,000	\$17,000	\$19,000	\$20,000	\$14,600	\$17,100
Minimum	\$11,000	\$12,300	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$11,000	\$13,325	\$6,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$95,833	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$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 graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	32 (76%)
Two	6 (14%)
Three	3 (7.1%)
Eight or more	1 (2.4%)

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor of Philosophy 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 -	
- City University of Hong Kong	- University Instructor
- Harvard Medical School (USA)	- Researcher
- Hong Kong Baptist University - Department of Social Work	- Assistant Professor
- Lok Sin Tong Yu Kam Hing Secondary School	- Teacher
- Macau Polytechnic Institute	- Associate Professor
- 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	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The 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	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Senior Research Assistant

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- The University of Hong Kong - Centre of Asian Studies	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Biochemistry	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Civil Engineering	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Technician
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Surgery	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Faculty of Medicine - Department of O&G	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - The Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management	- Demonstration
- Tohoku University	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- Tsuen Wan Public Ho Chuen Yiu Memorial College	- Graduate Mistress
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- CK Life Science Limited	- Science Officer
- One Country Two System Institute	- Research Officer
- Renji Hospital, Shanghai Second Medical University	- Attending Orthopaedic Surgeon
- Organization's name not reported	- Art Director
Commerce and Industry -	
- ASM Assembly Automation Ltd	- Engineer
- ASM Assembly Automation Ltd	- Mechanical Engineer
- Coled Display Ltd	- Research Officer
- Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology	- Scientist
- Johnson Electric (Shanghai) Ltd	- Technical Specialist
- Luxform	- Consultant
- Manulife	- Financial Planner
- Okia Optical Ltd	- Engineer
- The Observer Star (HK) Co. Ltd	- CEO
- YHY Food Products Limited	- Management Trainee

No Response = 3

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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