

Where did the 2005 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) graduates go?



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I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2005 to answer the following questions about Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) 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 2005

Of the 37 graduates from this programme, 28 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Arts)				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	28	100%	30	100%	154	100%	271	100%
Employed	19	68%	24	80%	120	78%	177	65%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	3.6%	0	0%	1	0.6%	4	1.5%
Further Studies	6	21%	4	13%	24	16%	43	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	7	4.5%	34	13%
Not seeking F/T job	2	7.1%	2	6.7%	2	1.3%	13	4.8%

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III. Further Studies

6 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.
Arts	4
Education	1

No Response = 1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	3

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	
	2005	2004
May or before	20%	29%
June	40%	38%
July	40%	62%
August	60%	67%
September	80%	81%
October	90%	90%
November	90%	95%
December	100%	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Educational Institutions	67%	48%
Commerce & Industry	22%	24%
Community, Social & Personal Services	11%	24%
Civil Service	0%	4.8%

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Arts)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Arts)		HKU Average*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$15,892	\$13,889	\$17,482	\$15,861	\$15,919	\$14,175	\$18,172	\$16,096
Median	\$15,000	\$12,820	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$13,500	\$15,795	\$14,600
Minimum	\$9,000	\$8,500	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$27,000	\$24,925	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$27,000	\$24,925	\$43,333	\$60,000

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

VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	5 (50%)
Three	4 (40%)
Four	1 (10%)

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- Kumon HK Co. Ltd	- Executive
- Sha Tin Methodist College	- Teacher
- SPACE, The University of Hong Kong	- Lecturer
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Project Coordinator
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education	- Teaching Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Museum Assistant Curator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - English Centre	- Assistant Language Instructor
- The University of Hong Kong - English Department	- Research Assistant
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Lee Stone Gallery	- Assistant Gallery Manager
Commerce and Industry -	
- Chung Tai Educational Press	- Assistant Editor
- PCCW	- Management Trainee
- SaSa Cosmetics Ltd.	- Management Trainee
- Organization's name not reported	- Flight Attendant

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2005 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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