

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



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I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2005 to answer following questions about Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) 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 52 graduates from this programme, 27 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Science)				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	27	100%	42	100%	154	100%	271	100%
Employed	19	70%	30	71%	120	78%	177	65%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.6%	4	1%
Further Studies	8	30%	12	29%	24	16%	43	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	7	4.5%	34	13%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	2	1.3%	13	5%

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III. Further Studies

8 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.	Postgraduate Certificate
Education	-	1
Science	7	-

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	5
Government Grant + Loan	1

No Response = 1

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	23%	27%
June	31%	46%
July	46%	62%
August	54%	77%
September	92%	81%
October	92%	92%
November	100%	96%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 6

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Commerce & Industry	56%	24%
Educational Institutions	38%	72%
Community, Social & Personal Services	6.3%	0.0%
Civil Service	0.0%	4.0%

No Response = 3

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$13,032	\$13,157	\$17,482	\$15,861	\$13,374	\$13,328	\$18,172	\$16,096
Median	\$12,900	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$13,450	\$13,000	\$15,795	\$14,600
Minimum	\$9,000	\$8,500	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$9,750	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$20,400	\$20,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$20,400	\$20,000	\$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 Science) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	10 (83%)
Two	1 (8.3%)
Five	1 (8.3%)

No Response = 7

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- Belilios Public School	- Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Botany	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Research Assistant
- Tin Ka Ping Secondary School	- Occupation's name not reported
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
Commerce and Industry -	
- AXA Limited	- Administrative Officer
- INCO Limited	- Project Geologist
- Infocast Ltd	- Programmer
- LTK Industries Ltd.	- Engineering Research
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- SAE Magnetics (HK) Ltd	- Engineer II
- SAS Institute Ltd.	- Senior Analyst
- Sunrise Trading Company	- Project Consultant
- Taifook Securities Group	- Customer Service
Others -	

No Response = 4

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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