

Where did the 2005 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) 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 Social Sciences) 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 2005

Of the 13 graduates from this programme, 6 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	6	100%	14	100%	154	100%	271	100%
Employed	6	100%	11	79%	120	78%	177	65%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.6%	4	1%
Further Studies	0	0.0%	2	14%	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%	1	7%	2	1.3%	13	5%

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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	
	2005	2004
May or before	0.0%	22%
June	0.0%	44%
July	50%	56%
August	50%	67%
September	50%	89%
October	50%	100%
November	50%	100%
December	100%	100%

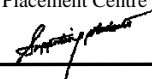
No Response = 2

IV Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Educational Institutions	50%	44%
Commerce & Industry	50%	44%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0.0%	11%

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPHM (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Average*		MPHM (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Average*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$14,733	\$14,690	\$17,482	\$15,861	\$14,941	\$15,479	\$18,172	\$16,096
Median	\$15,466	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$15,466	\$15,000	\$15,795	\$14,600
Minimum	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$10,833	\$8,000	\$9,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$18,000	\$18,533	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$18,000	\$22,395	\$43,333	\$60,000

* 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 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	1 (50%)
Two	1 (50%)

No Response = 2

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Student Development Officer
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- Ming Pao Daily News	- Reporter
- Wing Kai Trading Company	- Marketing Executive

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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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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