

Where did the 2005 Master of Philosophy graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2005 to answer following questions about Master of Philosophy 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 184 graduates from this programme, 106 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	106	100%	165	100%	154	100%	271	100%
Employed	78	74%	114	69%	120	78%	177	65%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	0.9%	1	1%	1	0.6%	4	1%
Further Studies	23	22%	43	26%	24	16%	43	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	2	1.9%	4	2%	7	4.5%	34	13%
Not seeking F/T job	2	1.9%	3	2%	2	1.3%	13	5%

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III. Further Studies

23 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes they pursued and their sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme			
	Ph.D.	M.Phil.	Postgraduate Certificate	Bachelor's Degree
Arts	4	-	-	-
Business Administration/Management	1	-	-	-
Education	1	-	1	-
Electrical/Electronic Engineering	2	-	-	-
Industrial Engineering	1	-	-	-
Law	-	-	-	1
Medical Science	2	-	-	-
Science	7	-	-	-
Others	-	1	-	-

No Response = 2

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	32%	33%
June	38%	47%
July	46%	61%
August	55%	71%
September	82%	83%
October	89%	90%
November	93%	94%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 19

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Philosophy graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions and Community, Social & Personal

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Commerce & Industry	49%	34%
Educational Institutions	43%	52%
Community, Social & Personal Services	8.6%	8.0%
Civil Service	0.0%	6.0%

No Response = 5

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil		HKU Average*		MPhil		HKU Average*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$13,883	\$13,324	\$17,482	\$15,861	\$14,650	\$13,623	\$18,172	\$16,096
Median	\$13,500	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$13,695	\$13,055	\$15,795	\$14,600
Minimum	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$27,000	\$24,925	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$34,000	\$24,925	\$43,333	\$60,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	33 (60%)
Two	10 (18%)
Three	7 (13%)
Four	2 (3.6%)
Five	2 (3.6%)
Six	1 (1.8%)

No Response = 20

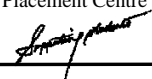
VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Philosophy 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
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Student Development Officer
- 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 Chinese University of Hong Kong (Dept of O & T)	- Research Assistant
- The Department of Computer Science, The University of Hong Kong	- Teaching Assistant
- The Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE)	- Teaching Assistant
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Museum Assistant Curator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
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- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Biochemistry	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Botany	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chemistry	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Computer Science	- Temporary Computer Officer
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - English Centre	- Assistant Language Instructor
- The University of Hong Kong - English Department	- Research Assistant
- Tin Ka Ping Secondary School	- Occupation's name not reported
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Beijing Hospital of Health Ministry	- Occupation's name not reported
- HKMA	- EO(Event)
- Johnson & Johnson Medical	- Product Specialist
- Lee Stone Gallery	- Assistant Gallery Manager
Commerce and Industry -	
- AXA Limited	- Administrative Officer
- Brion Technologies (Shen Zhen) Co., Ltd.	- Application Engineer
- China Resources Enterprise, Limited	- IT specialist
- Chung Tai Educational Press	- Assistant Editor
- Confi Metal Finishing Company Ltd	- Project Assistant
- GlaxoSmithKline Ltd.	- Clinical Research Associate
- Hasbro Far East Ltd.	- Assistant Project Engineer
- Hong Kong Airport Authority	- Graduate Engineer
- HSBC	- System Analyst Programmer
- HSBC	- System Analyst Programmer
- HSBC, Broking Securities (Asia) Limited	- Assistant Account Executive
- INCO Limited	- Project Geologist
- Infocast Ltd	- Programmer
- KPMG	- Occupation's name not reported
- LTK Industries Ltd.	- Engineering Research
- LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES	- Director, Managed Services
- Ming Pao Daily News	- Reporter
- PCCW	- Management Trainee
- Pericom Semiconductor Corporation	- Design Engineering
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- SAE Magnetics (HK) Ltd	- Engineer II
- Samlex Electric Company Ltd	- Engineer
- SAS Institute Ltd.	- Senior Analyst
- SaSa Cosmetics Ltd.	- Management Trainee
- SGS Hong Kong Ltd	- Organizational Effectiveness Executive
- Solomon Systech Limited	- IC Design Engineer
- Sunrise Trading Company	- Project Consultant
- Taifook Securities Group	- Customer Service



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- Unisys China-HK Ltd.	- IT Consultant
- Wing Kai Trading Company	- Marketing Executive
- Yahoo (Hong Kong)	- Software Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- Flight Attendant
- Organization's name not reported	- Programmer
- Organization's name not reported	- Programmer
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Software Engineer
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No Response = 5

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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