

Where did the 2005 Doctor 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 Doctor 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?

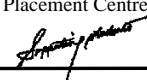
II. Employment Situations in 2005

Of the 128 graduates from this programme, 48 responded to the survey. Their employment situation are listed below.

	PhD				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	48	100%	106	100%	154	100%	271	100%
Employed	42	88%	63	59%	120	78%	177	65%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	3	3%	1	0.6%	4	1%
Further Studies	1	2.1%	0	0%	24	16%	43	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	5	10%	30	28%	7	4.5%	34	13%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	10	9%	2	1.3%	13	5%

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III. Further Studies

1 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.
Science	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	34%	55%
June	47%	62%
July	53%	69%
August	72%	79%
September	88%	86%
October	91%	95%
November	94%	100%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 9

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Educational Institutions	74%	71%
Commerce & Industry	18%	18%
Community, Social & Personal Services	5.1%	7.3%
Civil Service	2.6%	3.6%

No Response = 2

VI. 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*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$23,549	\$21,555	\$17,482	\$15,861	\$24,109	\$21,645	\$18,172	\$16,096
Median	\$21,000	\$19,000	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$23,000	\$19,000	\$15,795	\$14,600
Minimum	\$13,700	\$11,000	\$9,000	\$6,000	\$13,700	\$11,000	\$9,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$43,333	\$60,000	\$43,333	\$60,000

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VII. 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	20 (65%)
Two	5 (16%)
Three	3 (9.7%)
Four	1 (3.2%)
Five	2 (6.5%)

No Response = 10

VIII. 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 -	
- The Government Laboratory of Hong Kong	- Forensic Analyst
Educational Institutions -	
- Fuzhou University	- Occupation's name not reported
- HKJC Centre for Suicide Research & Prevention, HKU	- Post Doctoral Fellow
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Department of Rehabilitation Science.	- Research Associate
- Registry Research Service, The University of Hong Kong	- EO II
- School of Continuing Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Instructor
- Shan Ton University	- Consultant
- SPACE, The University of Hong Kong	- College Lecturer
- The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	- Assistant Computer Officer
- 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 I
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Officer
- The University of Hong Kong	- Teaching Assistant

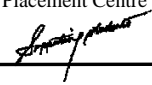
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- The University of Hong Kong	- Teaching Consultant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Anatomy	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Chinese	- Senior Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Civil Engin	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Research Officer
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Orthopaedics and Taumatology	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Pharmacol	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Pharmacol	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Physiology	- Senior Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Speech and Hearing	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Surgery	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong -Department of Microbiolo	- Post-doctoral Fellow
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- ASM	- Engineers
- Bureau Veritas	- Occupation's name not reported
Commerce and Industry -	
- AMO Asia	- Scientific Promotion Manager
- Centa Pro International Ltd	- Senior Manager
- Harvard International Ltd	- Assistant Technical Manager
- HSBC	- Executive
- ING	- Wealth Manager
- Johnson Electric	- Research & Development Manager
- OrbusNeich Medical Co., Ltd.	- Clinical and Regulatory Officer

No Response = 2

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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