

Where did the 2006 Biology graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2006 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Science in Biology 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 2006

Of the 11 graduates from this programme, 10 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Biology		HKU Overall*	
	2006		2006	
	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	10	100%	2561	100%
Employed	9	90%	2031	79%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	5	0.2%
Further Studies	1	10%	513	20%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	4	0.2%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	8	0.3%

* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

III. Further Studies

Since the number of respondents is smaller than 5, these information are withheld to protect privacy of the respondent(s).

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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	
	2006	
May or before	0.0%	
June	71%	
July	71%	
August	86%	
September	86%	
October	100%	
November	100%	
December	100%	
January	100%	
February	100%	

No Response = 2

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Biology graduates were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services, while others were employed in Educational Institutions.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2006	
Community, Social & Personal Services	57%	
Educational Institutions	43%	
Commerce & Industry	0.0%	

No Response = 2

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Biology graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	Biology	HKU Average*	Biology	HKU Average*
	2006	2006	2006	2006
Mean	\$10,000	\$14,548	\$10,167	\$15,226
Median	\$10,000	\$11,500	\$10,000	\$12,111
Minimum	\$9,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$5,000
Maximum	\$11,000	\$75,000	\$11,000	\$95,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	2 (50%)
Two	1 (25%)
Four	1 (25%)

No Response = 5

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Biology graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- Lantau International School	- Teaching Assistant
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Project Coordinator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Registry Clerk
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- LG Chem Hk Limited	- Assistant Sales Manager
- William E.commer	- Assistant Merchandiser
- William Russell (Far East) Limited	- Assistant Claims Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Customer Service Manager
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Administrative Officer

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2006 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CEDARS.



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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.
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