

Where did the 2006 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2006 to answer the following questions about Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) 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 36 graduates from this programme, 25 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Arts)				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	25	100%	28	100%	273	100%	154	100%
Employed	18	72%	19	68%	204	75%	120	78%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	4.0%	1	4%	3	1.1%	1	1%
Further Studies	6	24%	6	21%	37	14%	24	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	23	8.4%	7	5%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	2	7%	6	2.2%	2	1%

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III. Further Studies

6 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.	M.Phil.	Postgraduate Certificate
Arts	1	1	-
Education	-	-	1
Others	1	-	-

No Response = 2

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
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No Response = 3

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	2005
May or before	7.1%	20%
June	14%	40%
July	21%	40%
August	71%	60%
September	93%	80%
October	93%	90%
November	93%	90%
December	93%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 4

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) graduates were employed in Educational Institutions, while others were employed in Commerce & Industry and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2006	2005
Educational Institutions	76%	67%
Commerce & Industry	18%	22%
Civil Service	5.9%	0%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0%	11%

No Response = 1

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Arts)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Arts)		HKU Average*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Mean	\$16,125	\$15,892	\$17,224	\$17,482	\$15,675	\$15,919	\$17,345	\$18,172
Median	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$15,795
Minimum	\$10,500	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,500	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,000
Maximum	\$21,620	\$27,000	\$52,000	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$27,000	\$52,000	\$43,333

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	10 (67%)
Two	2 (13%)
Three	2 (13%)
Four	1 (6.7%)

No Response = 3

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- ICAC	- Occupation's name not reported
Educational Institutions -	
- Chu Hai College of Higher Education	- Lecturer
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Teaching Assistant
- St. Mark's School	- Teacher
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator, Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong	- IA
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
Commerce and Industry -	
- Christian Deom Advocate/Attorney at Law	- Law Assistant
- Ernst & Young	- Tax Accountant
- MVA Hong Kong Ltd.	- Research Analyst

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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