

Where did the 2006 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) 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 Engineering) 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 37 graduates from this programme, 24 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	24	100%	25	100%	273	100%	154	100%
Employed	20	83%	21	84%	204	75%	120	78%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	3	1.1%	1	1%
Further Studies	4	17%	3	12%	37	14%	24	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	1	4%	23	8.4%	7	5%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	6	2.2%	2	1%

* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the HKU Research Postgraduate Programme 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	2005
May or before	46%	45%
June	46%	45%
July	62%	55%
August	77%	65%
September	92%	90%
October	100%	95%
November	100%	100%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 6

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2006	2005
Commerce & Industry	53%	89%
Community, Social & Personal Services	40%	0.0%
Education Institutions	0%	11%
Civil Service	6.7%	0.0%

No Response = 4

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Mean	\$16,000	\$13,273	\$17,224	\$17,482	\$16,693	\$15,440	\$17,345	\$18,172
Median	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$16,250	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,795
Minimum	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,000
Maximum	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$52,000	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$34,000	\$52,000	\$43,333

* HKU Average refers to the figure for the HKU Research Postgraduate Programme graduates.

VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	4 (29%)
Two	4 (29%)
Three	2 (14%)
Four	3 (21%)
Five	1 (7.1%)

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- ICAC	- Assistant Investigator
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Gemalco Technologies Limited	- Quality Engineer
- Hong Kong International Terminals Limited	- Associate Analyst
- Hong Kong United Dockyard	- Trainee
- HR Business Solutions	- Consulting Analyst
- Rerint	- Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- Clerk
Commerce and Industry -	
- ASM Assembly Automation Ltd	- Electronic Engineer
- ASM Assembly Automation Ltd	- Electronic Engineer
- Brand New Technology Ltd	- Marketing Executive
- Hang Seng Bank Limited	- IT Officer
- Morgan Stanley	- Analyst
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited	- Associate

No Response = 4

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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