

Where did the 2006 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) 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 Science) 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 48 graduates from this programme, 39 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Science)				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	39	100%	27	100%	273	100%	154	100%
Employed	25	64%	19	70%	204	75%	120	78%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	3	1.1%	1	1%
Further Studies	13	33%	8	30%	37	14%	24	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	23	8.4%	7	5%
Not seeking F/T job	1	2.6%	0	0%	6	2.2%	2	1%

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III. Further Studies

13 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.
Industrial Engineering	1
Medical Science	2
Science	8
Others	1

No Response = 1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates

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	35%	23%
June	40%	31%
July	45%	46%
August	45%	54%
September	70%	92%
October	70%	92%
November	95%	100%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2006	2005
Educational Institutions	38%	38%
Community, Social & Personal Services	33%	6.3%
Commerce & Industry	21%	56%
Civil Service	8.3%	0%

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Mean	\$13,612	\$13,032	\$17,224	\$17,482	\$13,775	\$13,374	\$17,345	\$18,172
Median	\$13,000	\$12,900	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$13,450	\$15,000	\$15,795
Minimum	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,750	\$10,000	\$9,000
Maximum	\$25,000	\$20,400	\$52,000	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$20,400	\$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 Science) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	11 (55%)
Two	5 (25%)
Three	2 (10%)
Four	1 (5.0%)
Five	1 (5.0%)

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- Food and Environmental Hygiene Department	- Assistant CESP Control Officer
- Registration and Electoral Office	- Voter Registration Staff
Educational Institutions -	
- Department of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Project Assistant
- St Paul's Co-educational College	- Teacher
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- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator, Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Technician
- Zhong Shan University	- Assistant Researcher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Bouscy Education Center	- Teacher and Owner
- Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre	- Project Assistant
- Merck , Fharp and Dohme (asia) Ltd	- Assistant Clinical Data Management Specialist
- Schering HK Ltd	- Regulatory Medical Affairs Associate
- Star Vision Ltd	- Environmental Field Officer
- World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong	- Project Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Financial Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- Ernst & Young	- Staff Accountant
- Hang Seng Bank Limited	- Business Risk officer
- Innofusion Capital Management Ltd	- System Management
- Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited	- Assistant Environmental Consultant
- Synovate Ltd.	- Assistant Statistician

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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