

## Where did the 2006 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) 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 Social Sciences) 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 16 graduates from this programme, 12 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	12	100%	6	100%	273	100%	154	100%
<b>Employed</b>	10	83%	6	100%	204	75%	120	78%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	3	1.1%	1	1%
<b>Further Studies</b>	2	17%	0	0%	37	14%	24	16%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	23	8.4%	7	5%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	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	50%	0.0%
June	50%	0.0%
July	100%	50%
August	100%	50%
September	100%	50%
October	100%	50%
November	100%	50%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 8

### V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2006	2005
Community, Social & Personal Services	50%	0.0%
Educational Institutions	33%	50%
Civil Service	17%	0.0%
Commerce & Industry	0.0%	50%

No Response = 4

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### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Average*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>Mean</b>	\$17,200	\$14,733	\$17,224	\$17,482	\$17,200	\$14,941	\$17,345	\$18,172
<b>Median</b>	\$16,000	\$15,466	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$15,466	\$15,000	\$15,795
<b>Minimum</b>	\$14,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$14,000	\$10,833	\$10,000	\$9,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$26,000	\$18,000	\$52,000	\$40,000	\$26,000	\$18,000	\$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 Social Sciences) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	1 (100%)

No Response = 9

### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
<b>Civil Service -</b> - Hong Kong Police Force	- Probationary Inspector
<b>Educational Institutions -</b> - Open University of Hong Kong - The University of Hong Kong	- Teaching Assistant - Research Assistant
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b> - City Contemporary Dance Company Limited - Sacom Limited - Organization's name not reported	- Coordinator - Chief Coordinator - Teacher

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