

Where did the 2006 Master of Philosophy graduates go?



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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 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 184 graduates from this programme, 128 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	128	100%	106	100%	273	100%	154	100%
Employed	90	70%	78	74%	204	75%	120	78%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	2	1.6%	1	1%	3	1.1%	1	1%
Further Studies	35	27%	23	22%	37	14%	24	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	2	2%	23	8.4%	7	5%
Not seeking F/T job	1	0.8%	2	2%	6	2.2%	2	1%

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III. Further Studies

35 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.	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate
Arts	1	1	-	-
Civil Engineering	1	-	-	-
Computer Science	-	1	1	-
Education	1	-	-	1
Electrical/Electronic Engineering	1	-	-	-
Industrial Engineering	1	-	-	-
Medical Science	7	-	-	-
Science	9	-	-	-
Social Sciences	2	-	-	-
Others	3	-	-	-

No Response = 5

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	20
Government Grant + Loan	1

No Response = 7

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	25%	32%
June	30%	38%
July	38%	46%
August	54%	55%
September	81%	82%
October	86%	89%
November	94%	93%
December	98%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2006	2005
Educational Institutions	42%	43%
Commerce & Industry	26%	49%
Community, Social & Personal Services	24%	8.6%
Civil Service	7.9%	0.0%

No Response = 11

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Philosophy graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil		HKU Average*		MPhil		HKU Average*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Mean	\$14,761	\$13,883	\$17,224	\$17,482	\$14,954	\$14,650	\$17,345	\$18,172
Median	\$14,000	\$13,500	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$13,695	\$15,000	\$15,795
Minimum	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,000
Maximum	\$30,000	\$27,000	\$52,000	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$34,000	\$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 graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	33 (52%)
Two	15 (23%)
Three	8 (13%)
Four	5 (7.8%)
Five	2 (3.1%)
Six	1 (1.6%)

No Response = 23

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Philosophy 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
- Hong Kong Police Force	- Probationary Inspector
- Hong Kong Productivity Council	- Project Engineer
- ICAC	- Assistant Investigator
- ICAC	- Occupation's name not reported
- Registration and Electoral Office	- Voter Registration Staff
Educational Institutions -	
- Chu Hai College of Higher Education	- Lecturer
- Department of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Faculty of Engineering - The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Faculty of Medicine - The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Faculty of Medicine - The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Faculty of Medicine - The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Teaching Assistant
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Project Assistant
- Open University of Hong Kong	- Teaching Assistant
- St Paul's Co-educational College	- Teacher
- St Paul's Co-educational College	- Teacher
- St. Mark's School	- Teacher
- St. Paul's Co-educational College	- Teacher
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported

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- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator, Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Demonstrator, Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- IA
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Technician
- The University of Hong Kong	- Technician
- Zhong Shan University	- Assistant Researcher
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Bouscy Education Center	- Teacher and Owner
- City Contemporary Dance Company Limited	- Coordinator
- Gemalco Technologies Limited	- Quality Engineer
- Hong Kong International Terminals Limited	- Associate Analyst
- Hong Kong Organic Resource Centre	- Project Assistant
- Hong Kong United Dockyard	- Trainee
- HR Business Solutions	- Consulting Analyst
- Merck , Fharp and Dohme (asia) Ltd	- Assistant Clinical Data Management Specialist
- Rerint	- Engineer
- Sacom Limited	- Chief Coordinator
- Schering HK Ltd	- Regulatory Medical Affairs Associate
- Star Vision Ltd	- Environmental Field Officer
- Tyco Health care	- Product Specialist
- World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong	- Project Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Clerk
- Organization's name not reported	- Financial Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
Commerce and Industry -	
- ASM Assembly Automation Ltd	- Electronic Engineer
- ASM Assembly Automation Ltd	- Electronic Engineer
- AstraZeneca Hong Kong Ltd	- Product Specialist
- Brand New Technology Ltd	- Marketing Executive
- Christian Deom Advocate/Attorney at Law	- Law Assistant
- Ernst & Young	- Staff Accountant
- Ernst & Young	- Tax Accountant
- Haberaim Radclicc Limited	- Management Consultant
- Hang Seng Bank Limited	- Business Risk officer
- Hang Seng Bank Limited	- IT Officer

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- Health Care & Co.	- Operation Officer
- Innofusion Capital Management Ltd	- System Management
- Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited	- Assistant Environmental Consultant
- Morgan Stanley	- Analyst
- MVA Hong Kong Ltd.	- Research Analyst
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- PricewaterhouseCoopers	- Associate
- Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited	- Associate
- Synovate Ltd.	- Assistant Statistician
- TICNA Insurance	- Insurance Agent

No Response = 12

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.
Please contact CEDARS for further details.

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