

Where did the 2006 Master of Science in Urban Planning 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 Science in Urban Planning 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 18 graduates from this programme, 15 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSc(UrbanPlanning)				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	15	100%	14	100%	754	100%	528	100%
Employed	12	80%	13	93%	681	90%	496	94%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	9	1.2%	2	0%
Further Studies	2	13%	0	0%	46	6.1%	21	4%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	1	6.7%	1	7%	6	0.8%	3	1%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	12	1.6%	6	1%

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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	11%	30%
June	22%	40%
July	33%	60%
August	44%	80%
September	67%	100%
October	78%	100%
November	100%	100%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 3

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in the Civil Service and Educational Institutions.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2006	2005
Commerce & Industry	45%	38%
Civil Service	36%	31%
Educational Institutions	18%	23%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0.0%	7.7%

No Response = 1

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MSc(Urban Planning)		HKU Average*		MSc(Urban Planning)		HKU Average*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Mean	\$11,839	\$12,183	\$19,020	\$17,882	\$12,183	\$12,320	\$19,238	\$18,019
Median	\$11,406	\$10,700	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$11,656	\$10,842	\$18,000	\$16,000
Minimum	\$9,000	\$6,800	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$9,750	\$6,800	\$8,400	\$6,000
Maximum	\$16,000	\$21,830	\$60,000	\$57,500	\$16,000	\$21,830	\$67,500	\$58,333

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

VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	5 (56%)
Two	2 (22%)
Three	2 (22%)

No Response = 3

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR Government	- Town Planning Graduate
- Planning Department	- Town Planning Graduate
- Planning Department	- Town Planning Graduate
- Planning Department	- Town Planning Graduate
Educational Institutions -	
- Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Sam Yuk Middle School	- Teacher
Commerce and Industry -	
- LH Asia	- Assistant Town Planner, Urban Designer
- Maersk Hong Kong Limited	- Senior Representative
- NWS Transport	- Operation Graduate Trainee
- Planarch Consultant Limited	- Assistant Town Planner
- Organization's name not reported	- Graduate Engineer

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. Please contact CEDARS for further details.

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