

## Where did the 2006 Master 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 Social Sciences graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- 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 32 graduates from this programme, 24 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSocSc				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	24	100%	6	100%	754	100%	528	100%
<b>Employed</b>	24	100%	6	100%	681	90%	496	94%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	9	1.2%	2	0%
<b>Further Studies</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	46	6.1%	21	4%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	6	0.8%	3	1%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	12	1.6%	6	1%

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### III 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	28%	60%
June	44%	60%
July	44%	60%
August	72%	60%
September	89%	60%
October	94%	60%
November	94%	80%
December	94%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 6

### IV Employment Sectors

The majority of Master 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	70%	50%
Educational Institutions	26%	0.0%
Civil Service	4.3%	50%

No Response = 1

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### V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Social Sciences graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MSocSc		HKU Average*		MSocSc		HKU Average*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>Mean</b>	\$26,546	\$26,316	\$19,020	\$17,882	\$26,596	\$26,316	\$19,238	\$18,019
<b>Median</b>	\$26,450	\$26,540	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$26,450	\$26,540	\$18,000	\$16,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$8,400	\$6,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$32,000	\$27,500	\$60,000	\$57,500	\$32,000	\$27,500	\$67,500	\$58,333

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

### VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Social Sciences graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	6 (33%)
Two	8 (44%)
Three	4 (22%)

No Response = 6

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### VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master 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>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- Hong Kong Mood Disorders Center, The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Clinical Psychologist
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Clinical Psychologist
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Instructor
- Student Centre, The University of Hong Kong	- Counselor
- The Independent Schools Foundation Academy	- Educational Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Educational Psychologist
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Caritas HK	- Clinical Psychologist
- Caritas HK	- Educational Psychologist
- Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong	- Educational Psychologist
- Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong	- Educational Psychologist
- Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong	- Educational Psychologist
- CPC BAO	- Educational Psychologist
- Family Welfare Society	- Clinical Psychologist
- Heep Hong Society	- Educational Psychologist
- Hong Kong Council of the Church of Chris in China	- Educational Psychologist
- Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod	- Educational Psychologist
- Po Leung Kuk	- Educational Psychologist
- The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Group	- Clinical psychologist
- The Spastics Association Of Hong Kong	- Clinical Psychologist
- Yang Memorial Methodist Social Services	- Clinical Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Clinical Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Clinical Psychologist

No Response = 2

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.



## Where did the 2006 Master of Social Sciences graduates go?

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