

# Where did the 2006 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates go?



## I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2006 to answer the following questions about Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) 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 61 graduates from this programme, 42 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Overall*	
	2006		2006	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	42	100%	273	100%
<b>Employed</b>	27	64%	204	75%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	3	1.1%
<b>Further Studies</b>	0	0.0%	37	14%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	14	33%	23	8.4%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	1	2.4%	6	2.2%

\* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the HKU Research Postgraduate Programme graduates.

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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	
May or before	29%	
June	35%	
July	47%	
August	65%	
September	71%	
October	76%	
November	88%	
December	94%	
January	100%	
February	100%	

No Response = 10

### IV Employment Sectors

The majority of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) 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	
Educational Institutions	75%	
Community, Social & Personal Services	13%	
Commerce & Industry	8.3%	
Civil Service	4.2%	

No Response = 3

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### V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	PhD (Faculty of Engineering)	HKU Average*	PhD (Faculty of Engineering)	HKU Average*
	2006	2006	2006	2006
<b>Mean</b>	\$16,605	\$17,224	\$16,683	\$17,345
<b>Median</b>	\$16,000	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$15,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$11,000	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$10,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$25,000	\$52,000	\$25,000	\$52,000

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

### VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	10 (63%)
Two	3 (19%)
Three	3 (19%)

No Response = 11

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### VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) 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>	
- Drainage Services Department	- Civil Engineering Graduate
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- City University of Hong Kong	- Instructor
- Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- Department of Mechanical Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- Department of Mechanical Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Fellow
- Faculty of Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- Hahn Meitner Institute, Berlin	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Morrison Hill)	- Teaching Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post Doctor
- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Senior Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
- Wuhan Institute of Rock and Soil Mechanics , Chinese Academy of Sciences	- Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- Assistant Professor
- Organization's name not reported	- Instructor
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Hong Kong Organic Country	- Project Manager
- Life Robotics Laboratory	- Programme Director
- Organization's name not reported	- Process Engineer
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Chinese Estate Group	- Assistant Project Manager
- Deutsche Bank	- Analyst

No Response = 3

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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