

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



Careers and Placement,  
Centre of Development and Resources for Students

## 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 Science) 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 68 graduates from this programme, 45 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Science)				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	45	100%	9	100%	273	100%	154	100%
<b>Employed</b>	39	87%	8	89%	204	75%	120	78%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	1	2.2%	0	0%	3	1.1%	1	1%
<b>Further Studies</b>	2	4.4%	1	11%	37	14%	24	16%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	3	6.7%	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.

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



Careers and Placement,  
Centre of Development and Resources for Students

### III. Further Studies

Since the number of respondents is smaller than 5, these information are withheld to protect privacy of the respondent(s).

### 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	44%	0.0%
June	48%	17%
July	48%	33%
August	56%	50%
September	84%	100%
October	84%	100%
November	84%	100%
December	100%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 12

### V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) 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	2005
Educational Institutions	69%	63%
Community, Social & Personal Services	17%	13%
Commerce & Industry	10%	25%
Civil Service	3.4%	0%

No Response = 8

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



Careers and Placement,  
Centre of Development and Resources for Students

## VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PhD (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*		PhD (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>Mean</b>	\$17,708	\$18,783	\$17,224	\$17,482	\$17,813	\$18,992	\$17,345	\$18,172
<b>Median</b>	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$16,625	\$15,000	\$15,795
<b>Minimum</b>	\$10,000	\$13,700	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$13,700	\$10,000	\$9,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$52,000	\$40,000	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$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 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	12 (57%)
Two	7 (33%)
Three	2 (9.5%)

No Response = 16

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



Careers and Placement,  
Centre of Development and Resources for Students

### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) 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>	
- Mines and Geosciences Bureau	- Occupation's name not reported
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- Australian National University	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Chemistry Department, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- City University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Biology and Chemistry, City University of Hong Kong	- Research Fellow
- Department of Chemistry - The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Chemistry - The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong	- Laboratory Instructor
- Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Officer
- Department of Community Medicine, The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Department of Physics, The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	- Research Associate
- New Method College	- Graduate Master
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Eastern Pretech (HK) Ltd	- QC supervisor
- The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong	- Technical Specialist
- Willy Company Limited	- Manager
- Organization's name not reported	- Chemist
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Bureau Veritas Hong Kong Limited	- Senior Chemist
- EDAW	- Horticulturist
- Sony BMG Entertainment Ltd	- Coordinator
<b>Others -</b>	
- Organization's name not reported	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- Tutor

No Response = 6

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 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of **香 港 大 學** Science) graduates go?



Careers and Placement,  
Centre of Development and Resources for Students

- 
- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.  
Please contact CEDARS for further details.

Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS)  
3/F Wong Chuang Lai Wah Building  
Meng Wah Complex  
The University of Hong Kong  
Pokfulam Road  
Hong Kong

Telephone : 2859 2314  
Fax : 2559 5238  
E-Mail : [cepc@hkucc.hku.hk](mailto:cepc@hkucc.hku.hk)  
Homepage : <http://www.hku.hk/cepc>

Opening Hours : Monday - Thursday (9:00 a.m. to 5:45p.m.)  
Friday (9:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m.)  
Saturday (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

Herman Chan

October 2007

The analysis is based on information provided by the respondents, and CEDARS should not be held responsible for any errors arising therefrom.

No part of this report may be reproduced in any form or by whatever means, unless with written permission from the Director of Careers and Placement,  
The University of Hong Kong