

Where did the 2006 Doctor of Philosophy 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 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 235 graduates from this programme, 145 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD				HKU Overall*			
	2006		2005		2006		2005	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	145	100%	48	100%	273	100%	154	100%
Employed	114	79%	42	88%	204	75%	120	78%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	0.7%	0	0%	3	1.1%	1	1%
Further Studies	2	1.4%	1	2%	37	14%	24	16%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	23	16%	5	10%	23	8.4%	7	5%
Not seeking F/T job	5	3.4%	0	0%	6	2.2%	2	1%

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

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	35%	34%
June	44%	47%
July	51%	53%
August	57%	72%
September	72%	88%
October	76%	91%
November	82%	94%
December	95%	100%
January	97%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 30

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Doctor of Philosophy 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	79%	74%
Community, Social & Personal Services	10%	5.1%
Commerce & Industry	8.9%	18%
Civil Service	2.2%	2.6%

No Response = 19

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PhD		HKU Average*		PhD		HKU Average*	
	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005
Mean	\$19,484	\$23,549	\$17,224	\$17,482	\$19,538	\$24,109	\$17,345	\$18,172
Median	\$18,000	\$21,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$23,000	\$15,000	\$15,795
Minimum	\$10,000	\$13,700	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$13,700	\$10,000	\$9,000
Maximum	\$52,000	\$40,000	\$52,000	\$40,000	\$52,000	\$43,333	\$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 graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	46 (62%)
Two	18 (24%)
Three	9 (12%)
Four	1 (1.4%)

No Response = 35

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor 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 -	
- Drainage Services Department	- Civil Engineering Graduate
- Mines and Geosciences Bureau	- Occupation's name not reported
Educational Institutions -	
- Australian National University	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- Chemistry Department, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- City University of Hong Kong	- Assistant Professor
- City University of Hong Kong	- Instructor
- City University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- City University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Anatomy, The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- Department of Biochemistry, The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- 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	- Post-doctoral 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 Civil Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Civil Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Department of Community Medicine, The University of Hong Kong	- Part Time Research Officer
- Department of Community Medicine, The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- 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
- Department of Physics, The University of Hong Kong	- Post Doctorate
- Faculty of Business and Economics, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant Professor
- Faculty of Dentistry - The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Faculty of Engineering, The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Faculty of Medicine - The University of Hong Kong	- PHD
- Hahn Meitner Institut, Berlin	- Postdoctoral Fellow

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- HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education	- Lecturer
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Morrison Hill)	- Teaching Associate
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Lecturer
- Hong Kong Shue Yan University	- Senior Lecturer
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	- Research Associate
- Imperial College	- Occupation's name not reported
- Macau University	- Assistant Professor
- New Method College	- Graduate Master
- Open University of Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
- Shanghai Teachers University	- Professor
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Instructor
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong - Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Community College	- Lecturer
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education	- Teaching Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post Doctor
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post Doctoral
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post Doctorate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post Doctorate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Post-doctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- RA I
- 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 Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Senior Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Senior Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- SRA
- 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
- Organization's name not reported	- PDF
- Organization's name not reported	- Post-doctoral Fellow

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Community, Social and Personal Services -

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| - Eastern Pretech (HK) Ltd | - QC Supervisor |
| - Hong Kong Organic Country | - Project Manager |
| - Life Robotics Laboratory | - Programme Director |
| - RESCULPT | - Consultant |
| - The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong | - Technical Specialist |
| - Willy Company Limited | - Manager |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Chemist |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Process Engineer |

Commerce and Industry -

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|---|-------------------------------|
| - Bureau Veritas Hong Kong Limited | - Senior Chemist |
| - China Land Asia Pacific Limited | - Senior Development Manager |
| - Chinese Estate Group | - Assistant Project Manager |
| - Deutsche Bank | - Analyst |
| - EDAW | - Horticulturist |
| - Roche Hong Kong Ltd | - Clinical Research Associate |
| - Ronald Lu and Partners Ltd. (Hong Kong) | - Design Executive (China) |
| - Sony BMG Entertainment Ltd | - Coordinator |

Others -

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| - Organization's name not reported | - Post-doctoral Fellow |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Research |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Research Analyst |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Teacher |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Tutor |

No Response = 15

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.
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