

## Where did the 2007 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) graduates go?

### I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2007 to answer the following questions about Master 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 2007

Of the 45 graduates from this programme, 35 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Science)				HKU Overall*			
	2007		2006		2007		2006	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	35	100%	39	100%	315	100%	273	100%
<b>Employed</b>	27	77%	25	64%	262	83%	204	75%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.3%	3	1%
<b>Further Studies</b>	8	23%	13	33%	35	11%	37	14%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	8	2.5%	23	8%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	1	3%	9	2.9%	6	2%

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### III. Further Studies

8 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes that they pursued and their sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme	
	Ph.D.	Postgraduate Certificate
Education	-	1
Electrical/Electronic Engineering	1	-
Medical Science	1	-
Science	4	-

No Response = 1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	1
Own Funds	4
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	2

No Response = 1

### 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	
	2007	2006
May or before	43%	35%
June	52%	40%
July	57%	45%
August	57%	45%
September	70%	70%
October	70%	70%
November	83%	95%
December	83%	100%
January	87%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 4

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### V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions, Community, Social & Personal Services and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2007	2006
Commerce & Industry	50%	21%
Educational Institutions	35%	38%
Community, Social & Personal Services	7.7%	33%
Civil Service	7.7%	8.3%

No Response = 1

### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Mean</b>	\$17,221	\$13,612	\$19,551	\$17,224	\$17,831	\$13,775	\$20,264	\$17,345
<b>Median</b>	\$14,500	\$13,000	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$18,900	\$15,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$60,000	\$52,000

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### VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	16 (70%)
Two	2 (8.7%)
Three	3 (13%)
Four	1 (4.3%)
Five	1 (4.3%)

No Response = 4

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### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master 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>	
- Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department	- Ecological Surveyor
- Home Affairs Department	- Executive Officer
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- The Chinese 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 Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant I
- True Light Girls' College	- Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- Certified Master
- Organization's name not reported	- Research Assistant
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Ocean Park Hong Kong	- Assistant Scientific Officer
- PAREXEL APEX International Clinical Research (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd.	- Clinical Research Associate
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Accenture Company Limited	- Analyst
- Allied Environmental Consultants Limited	- Assistant Consultant
- Asia Ecological Consultants Ltd.	- Ecologist
- ATGlobal Limited	- Software Engineer
- Bureau Veritas Group	- Chemist Trainee
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	- Auditor
- Gene Tech (Hong Kong) Company Limited	- Research & Development Technician
- Industrial and Commerical Bank of China (Asia) Limited	- Trainee - Commercial Banking
- InnoFusion Capital Management Limited	- Junior Trainer
- Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd. (Hong Kong)	- Business Manager
- UBS AG	- Graduate Trainee
- Zurich Life Insurance Company Ltd	- Risk and Financial Advisor
- Organization's name not reported	- Programmer

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2007 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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