

Where did the 2007 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) 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 Social Sciences) 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 16 graduates from this programme, 14 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)				HKU Overall*			
	2007		2006		2007		2006	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	14	100%	12	100%	315	100%	273	100%
Employed	9	64%	10	83%	262	83%	204	75%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.3%	3	1%
Further Studies	3	21%	2	17%	35	11%	37	14%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	1	7.1%	0	0%	8	2.5%	23	8%
Not seeking F/T job	1	7.1%	0	0%	9	2.9%	6	2%

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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	
	2007	2006
May or before	14%	50%
June	29%	50%
July	57%	100%
August	86%	100%
September	86%	100%
October	86%	100%
November	86%	100%
December	86%	100%
January	86%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 2

V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2007	2006
Community, Social & Personal Services	50%	50%
Educational Institutions	25%	33%
Commerce & Industry	25%	0.0%
Civil Service	0.0%	17%

No Response = 1

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Average*	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Mean	\$13,918	\$17,200	\$19,551	\$17,224	\$13,918	\$17,200	\$20,264	\$17,345
Median	\$14,085	\$16,000	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$14,085	\$16,000	\$18,900	\$15,000
Minimum	\$9,500	\$14,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$14,000	\$9,500	\$10,000
Maximum	\$18,000	\$26,000	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$18,000	\$26,000	\$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 Social Sciences) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	1 (17%)
Two	3 (50%)
Three	2 (33%)

No Response = 3

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- City University of Hong Kong	- Senior Research Associate
- Hong Kong Institute of Education	- Research Assistant
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- CityU Professional Services Limited	- Project Officer
- Johns Hopkins Singapore International Medical Centre	- Medical Social Worker
- The World Bank	- Intern
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	- Protection Counsellor
Commerce and Industry -	
- Oracle Added Value Limited	- Research Executive
- UOB Kay Hian (Hong Kong Limited)	- Senior Officer

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.
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