

Where did the 2007 Doctor 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 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) 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 2007

Of the 10 graduates from this programme, 7 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Overall*	
	2007		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	7	100%	315	100%
Employed	7	100%	262	83%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	1	0.3%
Further Studies	0	0.0%	35	11%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	8	2.5%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	9	2.9%

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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	
	2007	
May or before	60%	
June	60%	
July	60%	
August	80%	
September	100%	
October	100%	
November	100%	
December	100%	
January	100%	
February	100%	

IV Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2007	
Educational Institutions	80%	
Community, Social & Personal Services	20%	

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	PhD (Faculty of Social Sciences)	HKU Average*	PhD (Faculty of Social Sciences)	HKU Average*
	2007	2007	2007	2007
Mean	\$24,750	\$19,551	\$24,820	\$20,264
Median	\$25,000	\$18,000	\$25,140	\$18,900
Minimum	\$22,000	\$9,500	\$22,000	\$9,500
Maximum	\$27,000	\$50,000	\$27,000	\$60,000

* 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 Social Sciences) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	4 (80%)
Three	1 (20%)

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor 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 -	
- Beijing Normal University	- Occupation's name not reported
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Lecturer
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Lecturer
- Hong Kong Shue Yan University	- Lecturer
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing	- Research Officer

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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VIII. Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.
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