

Where did the 2008 BSc(Bioinformatics) graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2008 to answer the following questions about BSc(Bioinformatics) 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 2008

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

	BSc(Bioinformatics)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	10	100%	11	100%	2572	100%	2450	100%
Employed	10	100%	5	45%	2060	80%	1977	81%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	15	0.6%	5	0%
Further Studies	0	0.0%	6	55%	462	18%	451	18%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.0%	3	0%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	34	1.3%	14	1%

* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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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	
	2008	
May or before	25%	
June	63%	
July	88%	
August	88%	
September	100%	
October	100%	
November	100%	
December	100%	
January	100%	
February	100%	

No Response = 1

IV Employment Sectors

The majority of BSc(Bioinformatics) graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Commerce & Industry	75%	40%
Educational Institutions	25%	40%
Civil Service	0.0%	20%

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by BSc(Bioinformatics) graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	BSc (Bioinformatics)		HKU Average*		BSc (Bioinformatics)		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Mean	\$12,250	\$15,153	\$18,142	\$16,146	\$12,323	\$15,423	\$18,755	\$17,021
Median	\$11,500	\$13,890	\$14,000	\$12,000	\$11,500	\$13,890	\$14,583	\$13,000
Minimum	\$9,000	\$11,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$12,083	\$6,450	\$5,000
Maximum	\$20,000	\$21,830	\$87,000	\$78,500	\$20,583	\$21,830	\$87,000	\$102,000

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VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by BSc(Bioinformatics) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	5 (63%)
Two	2 (25%)
Four	1 (13%)

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of BSc(Bioinformatics) graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Microbiology	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine	- Research Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- Computer And Technologies Solutions Limited	- Junior Programmer
- Ford, Kwan & Co., Solicitors & Notaries	- Legal Assistant
- John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Ltd.	- Management Trainee
- STARLIMS Asia Pacific Limited	- Programmer
- Swiss Prestige Limited	- Marketing Executive
- Vivien Chan & Co	- Patent Paralegal

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2008 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.
Please contact CEDARS for further details.

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