

Where did the 2008 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2008 to answer the following questions about Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) 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 2008

Of the 36 graduates from this programme, 26 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Arts)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	26	100%	19	100%	402	100%	315	100%
Employed	22	85%	17	89%	347	86%	262	83%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.2%	1	0%
Further Studies	4	15%	2	11%	42	10%	35	11%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	6	1.5%	8	3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	6	1.5%	9	3%

* 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	
	2008	2007
May or before	43%	22%
June	64%	44%
July	79%	44%
August	79%	56%
September	79%	78%
October	79%	78%
November	86%	100%
December	93%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 6

V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Educational Institutions	63%	54%
Commerce & Industry	19%	23%
Civil Service	13%	7.7%
Community, Social & Personal Services	6.3%	15%

No Response = 4

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Arts)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Arts)		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Mean	\$19,067	\$23,291	\$21,179	\$19,551	\$19,234	\$24,813	\$21,791	\$20,264
Median	\$20,000	\$19,003	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$20,708	\$20,000	\$18,900
Minimum	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$12,000	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$9,500
Maximum	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$78,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$60,000

* 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 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Arts) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	6 (67%)
Three	3 (33%)

No Response = 11



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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR - Home Affairs Department	- Executive Officer
- Hospital Authority	- Doctor
Educational Institutions -	
- Cheung Chuk Shan College	- Music Panel Head
- City University of Hong Kong	- Assistant Lecturer
- City University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- HKFEW Wong Cho Bau Secondary School	- Teacher
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education	- Teaching Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Assistant Curator
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- Centre for Advancement in Special Education	
- Vocational Training Council - Youth College	- Teaching Assistant
- Wah Yan College, Hong Kong	- Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- The Dui Hua Foundation	- Research Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.(The)	- Business Consultant
- Organization's name not reported	- Assistant Management Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Editor

No Response = 4

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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- 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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