



Where did the 2008 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Engineering) 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 Engineering) 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 59 graduates from this programme, 46 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	46	100%	39	100%	402	100%	315	100%
Employed	38	83%	31	79%	347	86%	262	83%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.2%	1	0%
Further Studies	8	17%	7	18%	42	10%	35	11%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	1	3%	6	1.5%	8	3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	6	1.5%	9	3%

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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.
Civil Engineering	1
Computer Science	2
Others	1

No Response = 4

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	5

No Response = 3

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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	42%	50%
June	50%	61%
July	54%	67%
August	54%	78%
September	73%	83%
October	88%	89%
November	96%	94%
December	100%	94%
January	100%	94%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 12

V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Commerce & Industry	83%	73%
Educational Institutions	13%	19%
Civil Service	3.3%	3.8%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0.0%	3.8%

No Response = 8



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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Engineering)		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Mean	\$16,219	\$15,898	\$21,179	\$19,551	\$16,219	\$16,469	\$21,791	\$20,264
Median	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$18,900
Minimum	\$11,700	\$11,100	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$11,700	\$11,100	\$10,000	\$9,500
Maximum	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$78,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$29,167	\$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 Engineering) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	8 (31%)
Two	10 (38%)
Three	5 (19%)
Four	2 (7.7%)
Six	1 (3.8%)

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- Hospital Authority	- Engineering Trainee
Educational Institutions -	
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Mechanical Engineering	- Research Assistant
- Vocational Training Council	- Teaching Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited	- Treasury Assistant Manager
- Bank of China International	- Contract Programmer
- CapitaLogic Limited	- Trainee
- CLP Holdings Limited	- Modelling Specialist
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	- Auditor
- Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft	- Analyst
- Halcrow Group Limited	- Graduate Engineer
- Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited	- Graduate Trainee
- Hyder Consulting Limited	- Registered Engineer
- Juniper Networks (Hong Kong) Ltd.	- Net Engineer
- KPMG	- Accountant
- Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited	- Graduate Engineer
- Meinhardt Hong Kong	- Consultant Engineer
- MTR Corporation	- Engineering Trainee
- MTR Corporation	- Graduate Trainee
- NWS Holdings Limited	- Management Officer
- NWS Holdings Limited	- Management Trainee
- Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited	- Graduate Engineer
- Shanghai Mitsubishi Elevator Company Ltd.	- Engineer
- Solomon Systech Limited	- Senior EDA Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- Developer
- Organization's name not reported	- Fire Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- Photograph Journalist
- Organization's name not reported	- Sales Engineer



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Others -

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| - Organization's name not reported | - Engineer |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Professional Service Consultant |

No Response = 7

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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