

Where did the 2008 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) 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 Science) 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 63 graduates from this programme, 42 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Science)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	42	100%	35	100%	402	100%	315	100%
Employed	33	79%	27	77%	347	86%	262	83%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.2%	1	0%
Further Studies	8	19%	8	23%	42	10%	35	11%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	6	1.5%	8	3%
Not seeking F/T job	1	2.4%	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.
Business Administration/Management	2
Science	6

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
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No Response = 8

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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	38%	43%
June	43%	52%
July	52%	57%
August	57%	57%
September	67%	70%
October	81%	70%
November	90%	83%
December	90%	83%
January	95%	87%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 10

V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Commerce & Industry	50%	50%
Educational Institutions	35%	35%
Community, Social & Personal Services	12%	7.7%
Civil Service	3.8%	7.7%

No Response = 5

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Science)		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Mean	\$20,105	\$17,221	\$21,179	\$19,551	\$20,191	\$17,831	\$21,791	\$20,264
Median	\$20,000	\$14,500	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$18,900
Minimum	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,500
Maximum	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$78,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$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 Science) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	6 (33%)
Two	10 (56%)
Three	1 (5.6%)
Four	1 (5.6%)

No Response = 13

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR - Immigration Department	- Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- Chinese Foundation Secondary School	- Teacher
- Lam Tai Fai College	- Teacher
- Marymount Secondary School	- Teacher
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Technician
- The University of Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
- Organization's name not reported	- Secondary School Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Kumon Hong Kong Co. Ltd	- Occupation's name not reported
- Kumon Key Education Centre	
- The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong	- Senior Technical Officer
Commerce and Industry -	
- Asia Ecological Consultants Ltd	- Senior Ecologist
- ASM Assembly Automation Limited	- Product Marketing
- BNP Paribas Hong Kong Branch	- Analyst
- Ernst & Young	- Actuarial Assistant
- KPMG	- Accountant
- Marks & Clerk Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
- New York Life Hong Kong	- Senior Sales Manager
- Oasis Investment Management Ltd.	- Assistant Investment Officer
- Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited	- Graduate Engineer



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| - SAP China | - Associate Developer |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Admin Intern |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Graduate Trainee |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Research Assistant |

No Response = 6

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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