

## Where did the 2008 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Sciences) 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 Social Sciences) 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 14 graduates from this programme, 10 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	10	100%	14	100%	402	100%	315	100%
<b>Employed</b>	8	80%	9	64%	347	86%	262	83%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.2%	1	0%
<b>Further Studies</b>	2	20%	3	21%	42	10%	35	11%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0.0%	1	7%	6	1.5%	8	3%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	1	7%	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	20%	14%
June	20%	29%
July	40%	57%
August	40%	86%
September	80%	86%
October	80%	86%
November	80%	86%
December	80%	86%
January	80%	86%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 3

### V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Educational Institutions	83%	25%
Community, Social & Personal Services	17%	50%
Commerce & Industry	0.0%	25%

No Response = 2



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### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Social Sciences)		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
<b>Mean</b>	\$15,720	\$13,918	\$21,179	\$19,551	\$15,720	\$13,918	\$21,791	\$20,264
<b>Median</b>	\$15,000	\$14,085	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$14,085	\$20,000	\$18,900
<b>Minimum</b>	\$12,600	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$12,600	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$9,500
<b>Maximum</b>	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$78,000	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$100,000	\$60,000

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### VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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### VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master 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>
<b>Educational Institutions -</b>	
- 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	- Research Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Assistant Professor
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- One Country Two Systems Research Institute Limited	- Researcher

No Response = 2

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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