

Where did the 2008 Master of Philosophy 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 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 259 graduates from this programme, 193 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	193	100%	148	100%	402	100%	315	100%
Employed	151	78%	113	76%	347	86%	262	83%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	0.5%	1	1%	1	0.2%	1	0%
Further Studies	40	21%	30	20%	42	10%	35	11%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	2	1%	6	1.5%	8	3%
Not seeking F/T job	1	0.5%	2	1%	6	1.5%	9	3%

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III. Further Studies

40 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.	Postgraduate Certificate	Bachelor's Degree	Others
Arts	3	-	-	-
Business Administration/Management	2	-	-	1
Civil Engineering	1	-	-	-
Computer Science	2	-	-	-
Law	-	1	-	-
Mechanical Engineering	1	-	-	-
Medical Science	10	-	1	-
Science	8	-	-	-
Social Sciences	2	-	-	-
Others	1	-	-	-

No Response = 7

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	1
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	25

No Response = 14

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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	35%	36%
June	44%	46%
July	57%	52%
August	63%	63%
September	76%	75%
October	83%	80%
November	89%	90%
December	94%	90%
January	97%	94%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 51

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Philosophy 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	45%	45%
Educational Institutions	35%	37%
Community, Social & Personal Services	13%	14%
Civil Service	6.7%	5.0%

No Response = 27

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Philosophy graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil		HKU Average*		MPhil		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Mean	\$18,648	\$16,987	\$21,179	\$19,551	\$18,857	\$17,820	\$21,791	\$20,264
Median	\$16,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$20,000	\$18,900
Minimum	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$9,500
Maximum	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$78,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$60,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Philosophy graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	33 (39%)
Two	32 (38%)
Three	16 (19%)
Four	3 (3.5%)
Six	1 (1.2%)

No Response = 62

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- 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
- The University of Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
- The University of Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
- The University of Hong Kong - Centre for Advancement in Special Education	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Mechanical Engineering	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine	- Research Assistant
- Vocational Training Council	- Teaching Assistant
- Vocational Training Council - Youth College	- Teaching Assistant
- Wah Yan College, Hong Kong	- Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- Assistant Professor
- Organization's name not reported	- Graduate Master
- Organization's name not reported	- Secondary School Teacher
- Organization's name not reported	- Teacher
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Beijing Children's Hospital	- Doctor
- Hong Kong Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine (HKJCICM)	- Assistant Project Manager
- Hong Kong People's Council for Sustainable Development	- Project Officer
- Kumon Hong Kong Co. Ltd - Kumon Key Education Centre	- Occupation's name not reported
- Merck Sharp & Dohme (Asia) Ltd.	- Product Manager
- One Country Two Systems Research Institute Limited	- Researcher
- Quality Therapy and Education Centre	- Speech Therapist
- Queen Mary Hospital	- Resident Officer
- Roche (China) Ltd.	- Occupation's name not reported
- The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong	- Senior Technical Officer
- The Dui Hua Foundation	- Research Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Chinese Medicine Practitioner
- Organization's name not reported	- Dentist
- Organization's name not reported	- Educator
- Organization's name not reported	- Registered Nurse
Commerce and Industry -	
- American Express International, Inc.	- Sales Associate
- Applied Biosystems Inc	- Engineer
- Arrow Asia Pac Ltd	- Sale Specialist
- Asia Act Property Consultant Co Ltd	- Assistant Branch Manager
- Asia Ecological Consultants Ltd	- Senior Ecologist

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- ASM Assembly Automation Limited	- Product Marketing
- Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited	- Treasury Assistant Manager
- Bank of China International	- Contract Programmer
- Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.(The)	- Business Consultant
- BNP Paribas Hong Kong Branch	- Analyst
- CapitalLogic Limited	- Trainee
- CLP Holdings Limited	- Modelling Specialist
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	- Audit Associate
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	- Auditor
- Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft	- Analyst
- Ernst & Young	- Actuarial Assistant
- Ferring Pharmaceuticals	- Regulatory Affairs Associate
- 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
- KPMG	- Accountant
- KPMG	- Accountant
- KPMG	- Auditor
- Marks & Clerk Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
- Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited	- Graduate Engineer
- Meinhardt Hong Kong	- Consultant Engineer
- MTR Corporation	- Engineering Trainee
- MTR Corporation	- Graduate Trainee
- New a-IKOR Limited	- Quality Control Technician
- New York Life Hong Kong	- Senior Sales Manager
- NWS Holdings Limited	- Management Officer
- NWS Holdings Limited	- Management Trainee
- Oasis Investment Management Ltd.	- Assistant Investment Officer
- Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited	- Graduate Engineer
- Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited	- Graduate Engineer
- Prism Technologies Limited	- Product Specialist
- Rouse Legal	- Manager
- SAP China	- Associate Developer
- Shanghai Mitsubishi Elevator Company Ltd.	- Engineer
- Solomon Systech Limited	- Senior EDA Engineer
- World Scientific Publishing (HK) Co. Ltd.	- Sales Manager
- Organization's name not reported	- Admin Intern
- Organization's name not reported	- Assistant Management Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Developer
- Organization's name not reported	- Editor
- Organization's name not reported	- Fire Engineer
- Organization's name not reported	- Graduate Trainee
- Organization's name not reported	- Photograph Journalist
- Organization's name not reported	- Research Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Resident Officer
- 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 |

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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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