

Where did the 2008 Master of Science in Urban Planning 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 Science in Urban Planning graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- 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 22 graduates from this programme, 13 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSc(UrbanPlanning)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	13	100%	5	100%	410	100%	357	100%
Employed	13	100%	4	80%	394	96%	328	92%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.2%	2	1%
Further Studies	0	0.0%	0	0%	10	2.4%	14	4%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	1	20%	1	0.2%	2	1%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	4	1.0%	11	3%

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III 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	
May or before	45%	
June	55%	
July	64%	
August	82%	
September	91%	
October	100%	
November	100%	
December	100%	
January	100%	
February	100%	

No Response = 1

IV Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	
Commerce & Industry	50%	
Civil Service	25%	
Educational Institutions	17%	
Community, Social & Personal Services	8.3%	

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	MSc(Urban Planning)	HKU Average*	MSc(Urban Planning)	HKU Average*
	2008	2008	2008	2008
Mean	\$15,180	\$24,062	\$15,533	\$24,234
Median	\$15,090	\$23,000	\$15,500	\$23,000
Minimum	\$11,000	\$8,000	\$11,000	\$8,000
Maximum	\$18,000	\$80,000	\$18,250	\$80,000

* HKU Average refers to the figure for the HKU Taught Postgraduate Programme graduates.

VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	8 (80%)
Three	2 (20%)

No Response = 2

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Science in Urban Planning graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- HKSAR - Planning Department	- Town Planning Graduate
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- HKSAR - Planning Department	- Town Planning Graduate
Educational Institutions -	
- Khulna University	- Assistant Professor
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Reserarch Assistant
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Emerald Leaf Learning Centre	- Director
Commerce and Industry -	
- Llewelyn Davies Hong Kong Ltd	- Assistant Town Planner
- Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited	- Assistant Urban Planner
- Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Limited	- Graduate Engineer
- PDI Consultants Limited	- Assistant Planner
- Urban Design & Planning Consultants Limited	- Assistant Town Planner
- Organization's name not reported	- Management Officer

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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VIII. 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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