

## Where did the 2008 Master 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 Social Sciences 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 34 graduates from this programme, 27 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSocSc		HKU Overall*	
	2008		2008	
	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	27	100%	410	100%
<b>Employed</b>	27	100%	394	96%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
<b>Further Studies</b>	0	0.0%	10	2.4%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	0	0.0%	4	1.0%

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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	42%	
June	68%	
July	79%	
August	84%	
September	89%	
October	89%	
November	95%	
December	100%	
January	100%	
February	100%	

No Response = 7

### IV Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	
Community, Social & Personal Services	82%	
Educational Institutions	18%	
Commerce & Industry	0.0%	

No Response = 4

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### V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Social Sciences graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	MSocSc	HKU Average*	MSocSc	HKU Average*
	2008	2008	2008	2008
<b>Mean</b>	\$31,243	\$24,062	\$31,568	\$24,234
<b>Median</b>	\$30,000	\$23,000	\$31,000	\$23,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$17,000	\$8,000	\$17,000	\$8,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$40,000	\$80,000	\$42,000	\$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 Social Sciences graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	9 (50%)
Two	6 (33%)
Three	3 (17%)

No Response = 8

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### VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master 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 Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education	- Clinical Psychologist
- W F Joseph Lee Primary School	- Educational Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Educational Psychologist
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital	- Clinical Psychologist
- Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service	- Clinical Psychologist
- Caritas Hong Kong	- Educational Psychologist
- Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong	- Educational Psychologist
- Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong	- Educational Psychologist
- Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
- Heep Hong Society	- Educational Psychologist
- Hong Kong EP Services Centre Ltd	- Educational Psychologist
- Kwai Chung Hospital	- Clinical Psychologist
- Po Leung Kuk	- Educational Psychologist
- Po Leung Kuk	- Educational Psychologist
- Tai Po Hospital	- Clinical Psychologist
- The Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China	- Educational Psychologist
- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Clinical Psychologist
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- Tung Wah Group of Hospitals	- Educational Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Clinical Psychologist
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**Others -**

- Organization's name not reported

- Flight Attendant

No Response = 3

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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