

Where did the 2008 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Architecture) graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2008 to answer the following questions about Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Architecture) 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 23 graduates from this programme, 15 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Architecture)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	15	100%	18	100%	402	100%	315	100%
Employed	13	87%	16	89%	347	86%	262	83%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.2%	1	0%
Further Studies	0	0.0%	1	6%	42	10%	35	11%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	2	13%	0	0%	6	1.5%	8	3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	1	6%	6	1.5%	9	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	2007
May or before	45%	23%
June	64%	38%
July	64%	54%
August	64%	77%
September	73%	77%
October	73%	85%
November	91%	85%
December	91%	92%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 1

IV Employment Sectors

The majority of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Architecture) graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Educational Institutions.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Commerce & Industry	67%	67%
Educational Institutions	33%	27%
Community, Social & Personal Services	0.0%	6.7%

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Architecture) graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PhD (Faculty of Architecture)		HKU Average*		PhD (Faculty of Architecture)		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Mean	\$30,429	\$24,667	\$21,179	\$19,551	\$30,429	\$25,435	\$21,791	\$20,264
Median	\$25,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$25,000	\$23,333	\$20,000	\$18,900
Minimum	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$9,500
Maximum	\$75,000	\$43,000	\$78,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$46,583	\$100,000	\$60,000

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VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Architecture) graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	4 (50%)
Two	2 (25%)
Three	2 (25%)

No Response = 4

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- Chu Hai College of Higher Education	- Assistant Professor
- Shanghai University	- Lecturer
- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
Commerce and Industry -	
- China Merchants Holdings (International) Company Limited	- Assistant General Manager
- DTZ Holdings plc	- Valuating Surveyor
- Gammon Construction Limited	- Architect
- Knight Frank Hong Kong Limited	- Occupation's name not reported
- Nomura International (Hong Kong) Limited	- Equity Analyst
- Scott Wilson Ltd	- Architect
- William Artists International Limited	- Lighting Architect
- Organization's name not reported	- Architect

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.
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