

Where did the 2008 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Education) 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 Education) 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 16 graduates from this programme, 10 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Education)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	10	100%	6	100%	402	100%	315	100%
Employed	9	90%	4	67%	347	86%	262	83%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.2%	1	0%
Further Studies	0	0.0%	0	0%	42	10%	35	11%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	1	10%	1	17%	6	1.5%	8	3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	1	17%	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	
May or before	60%	
June	60%	
July	80%	
August	100%	
September	100%	
October	100%	
November	100%	
December	100%	
January	100%	
February	100%	

No Response = 4

IV Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	
Educational Institutions	88%	
Community, Social & Personal Services	13%	

No Response = 1

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary		Gross Income	
	PhD (Faculty of Education)	HKU Average*	PhD (Faculty of Education)	HKU Average*
	2008	2008	2008	2008
Mean	\$34,667	\$21,179	\$34,667	\$21,791
Median	\$38,000	\$20,000	\$38,000	\$20,000
Minimum	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
Maximum	\$46,000	\$78,000	\$46,000	\$100,000

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VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	4 (80%)
Three	1 (20%)

No Response = 4

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VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Educational Institutions -	
- Guangdong University of Foreign Studies	- Instructor
- Guangdong University of Foreign Studies	- Professor
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education	- Assistant Professor
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The Hong Kong Institute of Education	- Senior Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Occupation's name not reported
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- National Academy of Education	- Associate Professor

No Response = 1

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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