

Where did the 2008 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Medicine) 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 Medicine) 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 91 graduates from this programme, 65 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Medicine)				HKU Overall*			
	2008		2007		2008		2007	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	65	100%	37	100%	402	100%	315	100%
Employed	62	95%	33	89%	347	86%	262	83%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.2%	1	0%
Further Studies	1	1.5%	1	3%	42	10%	35	11%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	1	1.5%	0	0%	6	1.5%	8	3%
Not seeking F/T job	1	1.5%	3	8%	6	1.5%	9	3%

* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the HKU Research Postgraduate Programme graduates.

III. Further Studies

Since the number of respondents is smaller than 5, these information are withheld to protect privacy of the respondent(s).

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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	38%	42%
June	44%	50%
July	51%	50%
August	62%	63%
September	72%	79%
October	74%	92%
November	85%	96%
December	90%	100%
January	95%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 22

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Medicine) graduates were employed in Educational Institutions, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services, the Civil Service and Commerce & Industry.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2008	2007
Educational Institutions	71%	76%
Community, Social & Personal Services	16%	21%
Civil Service	7.8%	0.0%
Commerce & Industry	5.9%	3.4%

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PhD (Faculty of Medicine)		HKU Average*		PhD (Faculty of Medicine)		HKU Average*	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Mean	\$21,371	\$20,792	\$21,179	\$19,551	\$21,549	\$21,208	\$21,791	\$20,264
Median	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,900
Minimum	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$15,000	\$13,000	\$10,000	\$9,500
Maximum	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$78,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$100,000	\$60,000

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

VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	16 (64%)
Two	6 (24%)
Three	2 (8.0%)
Five	1 (4.0%)

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- Hospital Authority	- Doctor
- Hospital Authority	- Resident Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Attending Doctor in Hematology
- Organization's name not reported	- Land Registration Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- Harvard Medical School	- Research Fellow
- HKUGA College	- Teacher
- Hong Kong Baptist University	- Research Associate
- King's College London	- Postdoctoral Research Associate
- Peking University	- Doctor
- Southern Medical University	- Associate Professor
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong - Medicine School	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Doctor
- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
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- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Professor
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Officer
- The University of Hong Kong	- Senior Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Anatomy	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Biochemistry	- Occupation's name not reported
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Medicine	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong - Department of Surgery	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine	- Assistant Research Officer

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- The University of Hong Kong - Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong - Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine	- Research Associate
- The University of Hong Kong - Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine	- Senior Technical Officer
- Zhejiang University	- Clinic Doctor
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Guangzhou Zhongshan Medical University Hospital	- Doctor
- Nanfang Hospital	- Chief Doctor
- Nanfang Hospital	- Occupation's name not reported
- Queen Mary Hospital	- Research Associate
- Ruijin Hospital Affiliated to The Shanghai Jiao Tong University Medical School	- Resident Officer
- Singapore Immunology Network	- Research Fellow
- The First Affiliated Hospital of Soochow University	- Doctor
- Organization's name not reported	- Senior Scientist
Commerce and Industry -	
- Eli Lilly and Company	- Clinical Research Associate
- Health Quotient Consultants Company Limited	- Product Development Executive
- Johnson & Johnson (Hong Kong) Limited	- Clinical Research Associate
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Assistant Researcher

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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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