

## Where did the 2008 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty 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 Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty 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 20 graduates from this programme, 13 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

|   | PhD (Faculty of Social Sciences) |      |      |      | HKU Overall* |      |      |      |
|---|----------------------------------|------|------|------|--------------|------|------|------|
|   | 2008                             |      | 2007 |      | 2008         |      | 2007 |      |
|   | No.                              | %    | No.  | %    | No.          | %    | No.  | %    |
| <b>No. of respondents</b>                 | 13                               | 100% | 7    | 100% | 402          | 100% | 315  | 100% |
| <b>Employed</b>                           | 11                               | 85%  | 7    | 100% | 347          | 86%  | 262  | 83%  |
| <b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>         | 0                                | 0.0% | 0    | 0%   | 1            | 0.2% | 1    | 0%   |
| <b>Further Studies</b>                    | 0                                | 0.0% | 0    | 0%   | 42           | 10%  | 35   | 11%  |
| <b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b> | 1                                | 7.7% | 0    | 0%   | 6            | 1.5% | 8    | 3%   |
| <b>Not seeking F/T job</b>                | 1                                | 7.7% | 0    | 0%   | 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 | 14%  | 60%  |
| June          | 29%  | 60%  |
| July          | 71%  | 60%  |
| August        | 71%  | 80%  |
| September     | 71%  | 100% |
| October       | 86%  | 100% |
| November      | 86%  | 100% |
| December      | 86%  | 100% |
| January       | 86%  | 100% |
| February      | 100%   | 100% |

No Response = 3

### IV Employment Sectors

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

| Sector                                | % of graduates |      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------|
|                                       | 2008           | 2007 |
| Educational Institutions              | 80%            | 80%  |
| Community, Social & Personal Services | 10%            | 20%  |
| Civil Service                         | 10%            | 0.0% |

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### V Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

|                | Basic Salary                     |          |              |          | Gross Income                     |          |              |          |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|----------|
|                | PhD (Faculty of Social Sciences) |          | HKU Average* |          | PhD (Faculty of Social Sciences) |          | HKU Average* |          |
|                | 2008                             | 2007     | 2008         | 2007     | 2008                             | 2007     | 2008         | 2007     |
| <b>Mean</b>    | \$34,038                         | \$24,750 | \$21,179     | \$19,551 | \$35,901                         | \$24,820 | \$21,791     | \$20,264 |
| <b>Median</b>  | \$35,000                         | \$25,000 | \$20,000     | \$18,000 | \$36,667                         | \$25,140 | \$20,000     | \$18,900 |
| <b>Minimum</b> | \$18,000                         | \$22,000 | \$10,000     | \$9,500  | \$18,000                         | \$22,000 | \$10,000     | \$9,500  |
| <b>Maximum</b> | \$50,000                         | \$27,000 | \$78,000     | \$50,000 | \$54,075                         | \$27,000 | \$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 Social Sciences) graduates is shown in the following table.

| No. of job offers received | No. of graduates (% of graduates) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| One                        | 4 (67%)                           |
| Two                        | 1 (17%)                           |
| Three                      | 1 (17%)                           |

No Response = 4



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### VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty 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>Civil Service -</b>                                   |                       |
| - Legislative Council - Legislative Council Secretariat  | - Research Officer    |
| <b>Educational Institutions -</b>                        |                       |
| - Beijing Normal University                              | - Assistant Professor |
| - National University of Singapore                       | - Visiting Fellow     |
| - The Chinese University of Hong Kong                    | - Instructor I        |
| - The University of Hong Kong                            | - Assistant Professor |
| - The University of Hong Kong                            | - Demonstrator        |
| - The University of Hong Kong                            | - Postdoctoral Fellow |
| - The University of Hong Kong - Department of Psychology | - Postdoctoral Fellow |
| - Zhongshan University                                   | - Instructor          |
| <b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>         |                       |
| - Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences                    | - Assistant Professor |

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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