

Where did the 2005 Animal and Plant Biotechnology graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2005 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Science in Animal and Plant Biotechnology 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 2005

Of the 61 graduates from this programme, 52 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Animal and Plant Biotechnology				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	52	100%	65	100%	2273	100%	2361	100%
Employed	31	60%	37	57%	1786	79%	1787	76%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	2	3.1%	12	0.5%	15	0.6%
Further Studies	21	40%	24	37%	457	20%	531	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	1	1.5%	2	0.1%	7	0.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	1	1.5%	16	0.7%	21	0.9%

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III. Further Studies

21 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes that they pursued and their sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme				
	Ph.D.	M.Phil.	Master (Coursework)	Postgraduate Certificate	Advanced Diploma / Diploma
Accounting	-	-	1	-	-
Education	-	-	-	2	1
Medical Science	-	8	2	-	-
Science	-	3	1	-	-
Others	1	-	1	1	-

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	1
Own Funds	6
Government Grant + Loan	2
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	12

No Response = 4

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	
	2005	2004
May or before	21%	9.4%
June	39%	25%
July	57%	56%
August	82%	69%
September	86%	97%
October	89%	100%
November	96%	100%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 3

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Animal and Plant Biotechnology graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services, Educational Institutions and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Commerce & Industry	58%	68%
Community, Social & Personal Services	19%	5.9%
Educational Institutions	15%	18%
Civil Service	7.7%	8.8%

No Response = 5

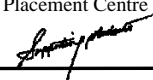
VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Animal and Plant Biotechnology graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	Animal and Plant Biotechnology		HKU Average*		Animal and Plant Biotechnology		HKU Average*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$10,210	\$9,070	\$13,322	\$12,550	\$11,387	\$9,676	\$14,121	\$13,374
Median	\$9,500	\$8,213	\$10,250	\$10,000	\$10,292	\$9,000	\$11,050	\$10,292
Minimum	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$5,400	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$6,500	\$5,500	\$3,500
Maximum	\$23,230	\$25,000	\$67,000	\$55,000	\$23,230	\$25,000	\$74,443	\$62,500

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Animal and Plant Biotechnology graduates is shown in the following table.

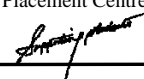
No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	11 (41%)
Two	9 (33%)
Three	6 (22%)
Six	1 (3.7%)

No Response = 4

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Animal and Plant Biotechnology graduates in full-time employment and the names their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- Customs & Excise Department	- Customs Officer
- Customs & Excise Department	- Inspector
Educational Institutions -	
- St. Paul's Co-educational College	- Clerk
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Student research assistant
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Hong Kong Tourism Board	- Tourism Host
- MnS Music Ltd	- Human Resource Coordinator
- Tai Wai Small Animal and Exotic Hospital	- Veterinarian Assistant
- The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians	- Administration executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Officer
Commerce and Industry -	
- American International Group	- Account Executive
- Apple Daily	- Reporter
- Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Company Ltd.	- Executive Associate
- Dah Sing Bank	- Graduate trainee
- E & D HK Limited	- Shipping Clerk



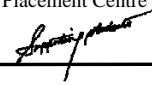
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- Hang Seng Bank Ltd.	- Personal Financial Planning Manager
- Hong Kong Aircraft Engineering Co. Ltd.	- Management Trainee
- Hugh Source (International) Ltd	- Marketing Assistant
- Kingston Corporate Finance Ltd.	- Executive
- PCCW	- Technical Support
- Phil Watch Company	- Sales Coordinator
- Poppy and Michael Co. Limited.	- Assistant Marketing Sales
- Special Sky Garment	- Merchandizer
- Zurich Life Insurance Co. Ltd.	- Consultant
- Organization's name not reported	- Product Developer
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Marketing Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Research Assistant

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2005 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.

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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library.
Please contact the CePc for further details.

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