

Where did the 2005 Biochemistry 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 Biochemistry 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 39 graduates from this programme, 34 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Biochemistry				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	34	100%	28	100%	2273	100%	2361	100%
Employed	20	59%	16	57%	1786	79%	1787	76%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	12	0.5%	15	0.6%
Further Studies	14	41%	12	43%	457	20%	531	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	2	0.1%	7	0.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	16	0.7%	21	0.9%

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III. Further Studies

14 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	
	M.Phil.	Advanced Diploma / Diploma
Education	-	1
Medical Science	9	-
Science	2	-
Others	2	-

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	2
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	4
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	8

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	22%	0%
June	28%	23%
July	50%	62%
August	78%	77%
September	89%	77%
October	100%	85%
November	100%	92%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 1

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Biochemistry graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in the Civil Service and Community, Social & Personal Services.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Commerce & Industry	82%	57%
Civil Service	12%	0%
Community, Social & Personal Services	5.9%	7.1%
Educational Institutions	0%	36%

No Response = 2

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Biochemistry graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	Biochemistry		HKU Average*		Biochemistry		HKU Average*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$11,009	\$9,010	\$13,322	\$12,550	\$12,000	\$9,299	\$14,121	\$13,374
Median	\$10,000	\$8,567	\$10,250	\$10,000	\$10,667	\$9,000	\$11,050	\$10,292
Minimum	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$5,400	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$5,500	\$3,500
Maximum	\$24,650	\$15,000	\$67,000	\$55,000	\$24,650	\$15,000	\$74,443	\$62,500

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Biochemistry graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	7 (41%)
Two	6 (35%)
Three	3 (18%)
Four	1 (5.9%)

No Response = 2

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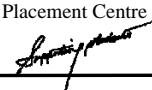
VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- Customs & Excise Department	- Inspector
- The Hong Kong Police Force	- Policeman
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Department Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	- Flight Attendant
- Garden Company	- Product Officer
- Goodwill Management Company Ltd.	- Assistant Centre Officer
- Hong Kai Medical	- Sales Executive
- Lee Kwan Tea Trade Ltd. (Ming Cha Development Office)	- Tea Master/ Evangelist
- PCCW	- Account Executive
- Quo-Luck Company Ltd	- Assistant Merchandiser
- Sanko Precision (HK) Ltd.	- Sales Assistant
- The Body Shop	- Retail Management Trainee
- The Hong Kong Delivery Company	- Customer service executive
- The Ritz-Carlton (Hong Kong)	- Retail & Coordinator
- Organization's name not reported	- Customer Service Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Operator Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Sales Representative
Others -	
- Portal Bision	- CIT
- R.R Donnelly Ltd	- Customer Service Executive

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.
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