

Where did the 2005 Environmental Life Science 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 Environmental Life Science 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 32 graduates from this programme, 29 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Environmental Life Science				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	29	100%	30	100%	2273	100%	2361	100%
Employed	26	90%	19	63%	1786	79%	1787	76%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	1	3.3%	12	0.5%	15	0.6%
Further Studies	2	6.9%	9	30%	457	20%	531	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	1	3.4%	0	0%	2	0.1%	7	0.3%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0%	1	3.3%	16	0.7%	21	0.9%

* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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III. Further Studies

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

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	8.3%	0%
June	17%	19%
July	42%	31%
August	79%	56%
September	96%	81%
October	100%	100%

No Response = 2

V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Commerce & Industry	67%	47%
Educational Institutions	21%	5.9%
Community, Social & Personal Services	8.3%	47%
Civil Service	4.2%	0%

No Response = 2

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Environmental Life Science graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	Environmental Life Science		HKU Average*		Environmental Life Science		HKU Average*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$9,904	\$8,150	\$13,322	\$12,550	\$10,405	\$8,432	\$14,121	\$13,374
Median	\$9,000	\$8,000	\$10,250	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$11,050	\$10,292
Minimum	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$5,400	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$7,000	\$5,500	\$3,500
Maximum	\$20,600	\$11,820	\$67,000	\$55,000	\$20,600	\$11,820	\$74,443	\$62,500

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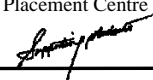
VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Environmental Life Science graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	5 (21%)
Two	8 (33%)
Three	4 (17%)
Four	4 (17%)
Five	1 (4.2%)
Six	1 (4.2%)
Eight or more	1 (4.2%)

No Response = 2

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

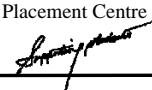
The job titles of Environmental Life Science graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- Immigration Department	- Immigration Officer
Educational Institutions -	
- Hong Kong Taoist Association School	- Teaching Assistant
- The City University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant II
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- World Wide Fund for Nature (HK)	- Assistant Visitor Marketing Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Project Officer
Commerce and Industry -	
- Aikon International Ltd	- Assistant Merchandizer
- Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	- Flight Attendant
- Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	- Flight Attendant
- Cathay Pacific Airways Limited	- Flight Attendant
- Pfizer Corporation Hong Kong Ltd.	- Healthcare Ambassador
- Dragonair	- Flight Attendant
- Hang Sang Bank	- Business Service Officer
- HSBC	- Customer Service Officer
- Kingsford environmental Ltd	- Technician
- Meridian Industries Ltd.	- Administrative Assistant
- PCCW	- Account Manager (Sales Management Trainee)
- PCCW	- Customer Executive
- San Francisco Coffee Ltd.	- Management Trainee
- Tyco Healthcare (HKSAR) Ltd	- Sales Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Account Executive

No Response = 3

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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