



Where did the 2007 Master of Philosophy (Faculty of Medicine) graduates go?

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I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2007 to answer the following questions about Master 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 2007

Of the 43 graduates from this programme, 34 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil (Faculty of Medicine)				HKU Overall*			
	2007		2006		2007		2006	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	34	100%	24	100%	315	100%	273	100%
Employed	22	65%	16	67%	262	83%	204	75%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	1	2.9%	0	0%	1	0.3%	3	1%
Further Studies	10	29%	8	33%	35	11%	37	14%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	8	2.5%	23	8%
Not seeking F/T job	1	2.9%	0	0%	9	2.9%	6	2%

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III. Further Studies

10 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.	Bachelor's Degree
Mechanical Engineering	1	-	-
Medical Science	6	-	1
Science	1	1	-

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	9

No Response = 1

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	
	2007	2006
May or before	25%	7.1%
June	30%	14%
July	35%	14%
August	50%	21%
September	70%	71%
October	85%	86%
November	95%	86%
December	95%	100%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 2



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V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2007	2006
Educational Institutions	45%	57%
Commerce & Industry	27%	29%
Community, Social & Personal Services	23%	7.1%
Civil Service	4.5%	7.1%

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil (Faculty of Medicine)		HKU Average*		MPhil (Faculty of Medicine)		HKU Average*	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Mean	\$14,939	\$13,286	\$19,551	\$17,224	\$16,167	\$13,649	\$20,264	\$17,345
Median	\$13,580	\$12,500	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$12,750	\$18,900	\$15,000
Minimum	\$11,185	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,000
Maximum	\$29,715	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$29,715	\$27,083	\$60,000	\$52,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	10 (53%)
Two	6 (32%)
Three	1 (5.3%)
Four	1 (5.3%)
Six	1 (5.3%)

No Response = 3

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master 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 -	
- Hong Kong Police Force	- Probationary Inspector
Educational Institutions -	
- Department of Medicine	- Research Assistant I
- Pasteur Research Centre, The 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
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant I
- Organization's name not reported	- Graduate Master
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- GlaxoSmithKline (China) Investment Co., Ltd	- Clinical Research Associate
- Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital	- Research Assistant
- Life Education Activity Programme (LEAP)	- Educator
- The Centre for Clinical and Basic Research	- Research Assistant
Commerce and Industry -	
- Otsuka Pharmaceutical (H.K.) Limited	- Medical Representative
- Wing Hang Bank Limited	- Customer Relationship Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Clinical Research Associate
- Organization's name not reported	- Project Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Researcher
- Organization's name not reported	- Team Assistant

No Response = 1

Note: Some of the 2007 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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