

## Where did the 2007 Master of Philosophy graduates go?

### 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 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 185 graduates from this programme, 148 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MPhil				HKU Overall*			
	2007		2006		2007		2006	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<b>No. of respondents</b>	148	100%	128	100%	315	100%	273	100%
<b>Employed</b>	113	76%	90	70%	262	83%	204	75%
<b>Unemployed seeking F/T job</b>	1	0.7%	2	2%	1	0.3%	3	1%
<b>Further Studies</b>	30	20%	35	27%	35	11%	37	14%
<b>Emigrated/Returned to home country</b>	2	1.4%	0	0%	8	2.5%	23	8%
<b>Not seeking F/T job</b>	2	1.4%	1	1%	9	2.9%	6	2%

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### III. Further Studies

30 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	Bachelor's Degree
Arts	1	-	-	-	-
Civil Engineering	1	-	-	-	-
Education	-	-	-	1	-
Electrical/Electronic Engineering	5	-	-	-	-
Industrial Engineering	1	-	-	-	-
Mechanical Engineering	2	-	-	-	-
Medical Science	7	-	-	-	1
Science	5	1	-	-	-
Social Sciences	1	1	1	-	-
Social Work	1	-	-	-	-

No Response = 1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Full Scholarship	1
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	22

No Response = 7

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### 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	36%	25%
June	46%	30%
July	52%	38%
August	63%	54%
September	75%	81%
October	80%	86%
November	90%	94%
December	90%	98%
January	94%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 28

### V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2007	2006
Commerce & Industry	45%	26%
Educational Institutions	37%	42%
Community, Social & Personal Services	14%	24%
Civil Service	5.0%	7.9%

No Response = 8

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### VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Philosophy graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MPhil		HKU Average*		MPhil		HKU Average*	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
<b>Mean</b>	\$16,987	\$14,761	\$19,551	\$17,224	\$17,820	\$14,954	\$20,264	\$17,345
<b>Median</b>	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$14,000	\$18,900	\$15,000
<b>Minimum</b>	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$9,500	\$10,000
<b>Maximum</b>	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$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 graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	39 (50%)
Two	21 (27%)
Three	11 (14%)
Four	2 (2.6%)
Five	3 (3.8%)
Six	1 (1.3%)
Seven	1 (1%)

No Response = 31





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- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant I
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- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Assistant I
- The University of Hong Kong	- Senior Research Assistant
- True Light Girls' College	- Teacher
- Tung Wah Group Of Hospitals	- Supply Teacher
- Mrs Fung Wong Fung Ting College	
- Organization's name not reported	- Certified Master
- Organization's name not reported	- Graduate Master
- Organization's name not reported	- Research Assistant
<b>Community, Social and Personal Services -</b>	
- Better Chinese Education Centre	- Operation Manager
- CityU Professional Services Limited	- Project Officer
- GlaxoSmithKline (China) Investment Co., Ltd	- Clinical Research Associate
- Hon Lam Mathematics & Music Studio Limited	- Tutor
- Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital	- Research Assistant
- Johns Hopkins Singapore International Medical Centre	- Medical Social Worker
- Life Education Activity Programme (LEAP)	- Educator
- Ocean Park Hong Kong	- Assistant Scientific Officer
- PAREXEL APEX International Clinical	- Clinical Research Associate
- Research (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd.	
- The Centre for Clinical and Basic Research	- Research Assistant
- The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers	- Graduate
- The World Bank	- Intern
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	- Protection Counsellor
<b>Commerce and Industry -</b>	
- Accenture Company Limited	- Analyst
- Allied Environmental Consultants Limited	- Assistant Consultant
- Asia Ecological Consultants Ltd.	- Ecologist
- ATGlobal Limited	- Software Engineer
- Bureau Veritas Group	- Chemist Trainee
- China Resources (Holdings) Co., Ltd	- Occupation's name not reported
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	- Auditor
- Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	- Occupation's name not reported
- DKR Oasis (Hong Kong) LLC	- Product Control Executive
- Gene Tech (Hong Kong) Company Limited	- Research & Development Technician
- HSBC	- Management Associate
- IBM China / Hong Kong Limited	- IT Specialist
- Industrial and Commerical Bank of China (Asia) Limited	- Trainee - Commercial Banking
- InnoFusion Capital Management Limited	- Junior Trainer
- JPMorgan	- Analyst
- KPMG	- Advisor



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- Maunsell Consultants Asia Limited	- Graduate Engineer
- Metcalf & Eddy Ltd	- Graduate Engineer
- MTR Corporation Limited	- Graduate Trainee
- Octopus Cards Limited	- System Engineer
- Oracle Added Value Limited	- Research Executive
- Otsuka Pharmaceutical (H.K.) Limited	- Medical Representative
- Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Limited	- Assistant Engineer
- Parsons Brinckerhoff (Asia) Limited	- Occupation's name not reported
- Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd. (Hong Kong)	- Business Manager
- Remarkable Mask Technology Co. Ltd.	- Sales Engineer
- Singapore Airlines	- Management Trainee
- SOLON AG	- Occupation's name not reported
- TBWA Hong Kong	- Account Manager
- UBS AG	- Graduate Trainee
- UOB Kay Hian (Hong Kong Limited)	- Senior Officer
- Vincent Medical Manufacturing Co Ltd	- Project Engineer
- Wing Hang Bank Limited	- Customer Relationship Officer
- YSI (Hong Kong) Limited	- Field Engineer
- Zurich Life Insurance Company Ltd	- Risk and Financial Advisor
- Organization's name not reported	- Clinical Research Associate
- Organization's name not reported	- Composer
- Organization's name not reported	- Manager
- Organization's name not reported	- Programmer
- Organization's name not reported	- Project Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Project Officer
- Organization's name not reported	- Researcher
- Organization's name not reported	- System Architect
- Organization's name not reported	- Team Assistant

No Response = 10

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.



## Where did the 2007 Master of Philosophy graduates go?

- 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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