

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

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2007 to answer the following questions about Doctor 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 52 graduates from this programme, 37 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PhD (Faculty of Medicine)				HKU Overall*			
	2007		2006		2007		2006	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	37	100%	21	100%	315	100%	273	100%
Employed	33	89%	17	81%	262	83%	204	75%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	0.3%	3	1%
Further Studies	1	2.7%	0	0%	35	11%	37	14%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	2	10%	8	2.5%	23	8%
Not seeking F/T job	3	8.1%	2	10%	9	2.9%	6	2%

* HKU Overall refers to the figure for the HKU Research Postgraduate Programme graduates.

III. Further Studies

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

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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	42%	29%
June	50%	50%
July	50%	50%
August	63%	50%
September	79%	64%
October	92%	79%
November	96%	86%
December	100%	93%
January	100%	100%
February	100%	100%

No Response = 7

V. Employment Sectors

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

Sector	% of graduates	
	2007	2006
Educational Institutions	76%	92%
Community, Social & Personal Services	21%	0.0%
Commerce & Industry	3.4%	7.7%

No Response = 2

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PhD (Faculty of Medicine)		HKU Average*		PhD (Faculty of Medicine)		HKU Average*	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Mean	\$20,792	\$20,818	\$19,551	\$17,224	\$21,208	\$20,818	\$20,264	\$17,345
Median	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$18,900	\$15,000
Minimum	\$13,000	\$11,000	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$13,000	\$11,000	\$9,500	\$10,000
Maximum	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$52,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$52,000

* HKU Average refers to the figure for the HKU Research Postgraduate Programme graduates.

VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

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

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	14 (61%)
Two	7 (30%)
Three	1 (4.3%)
Five	1 (4.3%)

No Response = 8

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Doctor 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>
Educational Institutions -	
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The Hong Kong Polytechnic University	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Assistant Technical Manager
- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
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- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- The University of Hong Kong	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- 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 Associate
- The University of Hong Kong	- Research Associate
- Organization's name not reported	- Technical Officer
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- New York Blood Center, Lindsley F. Kimball Research Institute	- Postdoctoral Fellow
- Ocean Park Hong Kong	- Research Assistant
- The Brain Resource Company Limited	- Laboratory Operations Supervisor
- Organization's name not reported	- Medical Research Associate
- Organization's name not reported	- Research Postgraduate
Commerce and Industry -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Product Executive

No Response = 2

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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