



Where did the 2007 Doctor of Philosophy 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 Doctor 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 251 graduates from this programme, 167 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

| | PhD | | | | HKU Overall* | | | |
|---|------|------|------|------|--------------|------|------|------|
| | 2007 | | 2006 | | 2007 | | 2006 | |
| | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % | No. | % |
| No. of respondents | 167 | 100% | 145 | 100% | 315 | 100% | 273 | 100% |
| Employed | 149 | 89% | 114 | 79% | 262 | 83% | 204 | 75% |
| Unemployed seeking F/T job | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 1% | 1 | 0.3% | 3 | 1% |
| Further Studies | 5 | 3.0% | 2 | 1% | 35 | 11% | 37 | 14% |
| Emigrated/Returned to home country | 6 | 3.6% | 23 | 16% | 8 | 2.5% | 23 | 8% |
| Not seeking F/T job | 7 | 4.2% | 5 | 3% | 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 | 41% | 35% |
| June | 52% | 44% |
| July | 61% | 51% |
| August | 72% | 57% |
| September | 81% | 72% |
| October | 86% | 76% |
| November | 88% | 82% |
| December | 94% | 95% |
| January | 97% | 97% |
| February | 100% | 100% |

No Response = 33

V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Doctor of Philosophy 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 | 64% | 79% |
| Commerce & Industry | 24% | 8.9% |
| Community, Social & Personal Services | 11% | 10% |
| Civil Service | 0.8% | 2.2% |

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

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

| | Basic Salary | | | | Gross Income | | | |
|----------------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|
| | PhD | | HKU Average* | | PhD | | HKU Average* | |
| | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Mean | \$21,607 | \$19,484 | \$19,551 | \$17,224 | \$22,224 | \$19,538 | \$20,264 | \$17,345 |
| Median | \$20,000 | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$15,000 | \$20,000 | \$18,000 | \$18,900 | \$15,000 |
| Minimum | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$9,500 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$10,000 | \$9,500 | \$10,000 |
| Maximum | \$48,000 | \$52,000 | \$50,000 | \$52,000 | \$60,000 | \$52,000 | \$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 graduates is shown in the following table.

| No. of job offers received | No. of graduates (% of graduates) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| One | 64 (62%) |
| Two | 22 (21%) |
| Three | 13 (13%) |
| Four | 2 (1.9%) |
| Five | 2 (1.9%) |

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

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

| <u>Employers</u> | <u>Job Titles</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Civil Service - | |
| - Government Laboratory | - Chemist |
| Educational Institutions - | |
| - Beijing Normal University | - Occupation's name not reported |
| - City University of Hong Kong | - Assistant Professor |
| - City University of Hong Kong | - Senior Research Assistant |
| - Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong | - Research Assistant |
| - Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong | - Research assistant |
| - Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong | - Research Assistant I |
| - Department of Chemistry, The University of Hong Kong | - Occupation's name not reported |
| - Department of Mechanical Engineering, The University of Hong Kong | - Research Assistant |
| - Department of Mechanical Engineering, The University of Hong Kong | - Researcher |
| - Department of Microbiology, The University of Hong Kong | - Senior Research Assistant |
| - Durham University | - Research Postdoctoral Fellow |
| - Hang Seng School of Commerce | - Lecturer |
| - Hong Kong Baptist University | - Lecturer |
| - Hong Kong Baptist University | - Lecturer |
| - Hong Kong Baptist University | - Lecturer |
| - Hong Kong Baptist University | - Postdoctoral Fellow |
| - Hong Kong Baptist University | - Research Assistant |
| - Hong Kong Institute of Education | - Assistant Professor |
| - Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education | - Lecturer |
| - Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education | - Lecturer |
| - Hong Kong Shue Yan University | - Lecturer |
| - Jiang Nan University | - Lecturer |
| - School of Biological Sciences, University of Hong Kong | - Research Assistant |
| - School of Education, Beijing Normal University | - Assistant Professor |
| - St Paul's Co-educational College | - Teacher |
| - Sun Yat-sen University | - Lecturer |
| - The Chinese University of Hong Kong | - Assistant Professor |
| - The Chinese University of Hong Kong | - Postdoctoral Fellow |
| - The Chinese University of Hong Kong | - Postdoctoral Fellow |
| - The Chinese University of Hong Kong - Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Community College | - Lecturer |



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| - The University of Hong Kong | - Research Associate |
| - The University of Hong Kong | - Research Associate |
| - The University of Hong Kong | - Senior Research Assistant |
| - The University of Hong Kong | - Senior Research Assistant |
| - University of California, San Diego | - Postdoctoral Fellow |
| - University of East Anglia | - Lecturer |
| - University of Electronic Science and Technology of China | - Lecturer |
| - University of Macau | - Assistant Professor |
| - Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping Secondary School | - Teacher |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Graduate Master Teacher |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Postdoctoral Fellow |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Teacher |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Technical Officer |
| Community, Social and Personal Services - | |
| - Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School | - Postdoctoral Fellow |
| - ECHO Valley Evangelistic Association for the Handicaps Limited | - Project Coordinator |
| - Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited (ASTRI) | - Senior Engineer |
| - Institute of Earth Sciences, Academia Sinica | - Occupation's name not reported |
| - Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing | - Research Officer |
| - New York Blood Center, Lindsley F. Kimball Research Institute | - Postdoctoral Fellow |
| - Ocean Park Hong Kong | - Research Assistant |
| - Shanghai Academy of Educational Science | - Occupation's name not reported |
| - The Brain Resource Company Limited | - Laboratory Operations Supervisor |
| - The Scripps Research Institute | - Research Associate |
| - World Wide Fund For Nature Hong Kong | - Project Officer |
| - Wuhan University Stomatological Hospital | - Occupation's name not reported |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Clinical Scientist |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Medical Research Associate |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Research Postgraduate |
| Commerce and Industry - | |
| - AIG Global Investment Corporation (Asia) Ltd. (AIGGIC) | - Analyst |
| - Architecture Technology Asia Ltd | - Researcher |
| - Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited | - Occupation's name not reported |
| - Bureau Veritas Group | - Senior Chemist |
| - CEIC Data Company Ltd | - Research Analyst |
| - China Merchants Holdings (International) Co., Ltd | - Assistant General Manager |
| - Chong Hing Electronic Corporation | - Occupation's name not reported |
| - Coils Electronic Co., Limited | - Senior Manager |
| - Cosmos Strategics Limited | - Director |
| - DiagCor Bioscience Incorporation Limited | - Project Manager |
| - Dragages Hong Kong Limited | - Site Engineer |
| - Earthasia (International) Ltd | - Research & Development Supervisor |



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| - Environmental Resources Management | - Consultant |
| - Gammon Construction Limited | - Occupation's name not reported |
| - Hanlun Information Limited | - Content Developer |
| - Hongkong International Terminals | - Analyst |
| - Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. | - Engineer |
| - Jiawei Solarchina Co.,Ltd | - Manager |
| - Jones Lang LaSalle | - Analyst |
| - Leigh & Orange Ltd | - Assistant Project Designer |
| - Quality Pharmaceutical Laboratory Ltd. | - Product Research and Development Manager |
| - RAB Capital (Asia) Limited | - Research Analyst |
| - SGS Hong Kong Limited | - Laboratory Executive |
| - Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited | - Senior Officer |
| - Tairen Capital Limited | - Associate |
| - Vantage Technologies Limited | - Engineer |
| - Vantage Technologies Limited | - Occupation's name not reported |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Producer |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Product Executive |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Project Manager |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Senior Project Architect |
| - Organization's name not reported | - Senior Software Engineer |

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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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