

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Graduate Employment Survey 2020
(Undergraduate Degree Programs)

1. Employment Rate:

- Almost all (97.5%) of year 2020 graduates were engaged in employment, further studies or returned to homeland by December 2020.
- Among the 2,155 respondents,
 - 1,503 (69.7%) were full-time employed or self-employed
 - 429 (19.9%) pursued further studies
 - 73 (3.4%) were doing temporary or part-time jobs
 - 97 (4.5%) returned to homeland
 - 14 (0.6%) were not seeking employment
 - 39 (1.8%) were still seeking employment

2. Employment Sector:

- For graduates engaged in full-time employment, 62.2% are in Commerce and Business and 23.3% in Engineering and Industry.
- Compared with last year, students who reported in Commerce and Business has increased by 4.5% while those reported in Engineering and Industry has decreased by 7.0%.

3. Job Nature:

- The most popular job natures are Engineering (21.8%), Administration / Management (17.0%) and Banking / Finance (15.0%).
- Compared with last year, students who reported in Engineering has increased by 0.4%.

4. Gross Monthly Income:

- Mean: \$21,984 (0.6% higher than last year's \$21,851)
- Median: \$18,667 (1.8% lower than last year's \$19,000)

5. Employment Sectors with the Highest Income:

- The employment sectors with the highest mean income are: Government and Related Organizations (\$26,675), Commerce and Business (\$23,090) and Community and Social Services (\$19,327).
- The employment sectors with the highest median income are: Government and Related Organizations (\$25,000), Engineering and Industry (\$19,000) and Commerce and Business (\$18,800).

6. Number of Job Offers:

- 284 (24.3%) of the 1,170 respondents had 3 or more offers
- 327 (27.9%) had 2 offers

7. First Job Offers Received:

- 757 (64.7%) of the 1,170 respondents received their first job offer by June 2020
- 982 (83.9%) received it by August 2020

8. Further Studies:

- Overall: 429 (19.9%) of the 2,155 respondents pursued further studies
- 54.5% enrolled in local institutions and 45.5% went overseas (e.g. Imperial College London, Carnegie Mellon University, University College London, etc.)
- 134 (31.2%) of the 429 respondents who pursued further studies enrolled in HKUST.

9. Internship Experience while at HKUST:

- Overall: 1,395 (81.5%) of the 1,712 respondents had internship experience while at HKUST and 317 (18.5%) of them had no internship experience.
- Among those with internship experience,
 - 80.2% had full-time internship experience, 56.8% had part-time internship experience and 34.1% had both full-time and part-time internship experience

10. Non-local Graduates:

- Among the 2,155 respondents, 359 (16.7%) were non-local graduates and less than half of them (44.0%) came from Mainland China.
- Among all non-local respondents,
 - 31.2% were full-time employed or self-employed (63.4% were employed in Hong Kong while 12.5% were employed outside Hong Kong)¹
 - 40.1% pursued further studies

¹ 24.1% did not provide any specifics on the work location.