

Employment of PhD graduates from the IT University (draft)

This note gives a short survey of the employment of PhD's graduating from the IT University. The overview covers all PhD graduates from the very first in 2002. The numbers given below include all graduates including those from 2010. This report will be updated regularly.

Until today, 69 PhD students have graduated with a PhD degree from the IT University. They have all been asked to supply data about their employment to this survey. At the moment 50 have responded.

Country of first job after graduation

Of the 50 graduates that have responded, 41 reported that their first ~~job~~ was in Denmark (82%), and nobody has reported that they are unemployed. Of those who graduated since the start of 2008, 25 have responded and 19 reported that their first job was in Denmark (76%).

Of the 50 graduates that have responded, 38 are Danish. Of the remaining 12, (50%) took their first job in Denmark.

The overall picture is that a vast majority of the graduates stay in Denmark, and that the Danes have a higher tendency than the non-Danes to take their first job in Denmark.

Sector of first job after graduation

Of the 50 graduates that have responded, 27 took various academic positions (PostDoc, researcher or assistant professor) at universities (in Denmark or abroad) as their first job. The remaining 23 (46%) took jobs in the private sector (a few with research related jobs). Hence, there is a small bias towards graduates taking their first job at a university.

A total of 17 PhD graduates were employed by the IT University immediately after their graduation, most of these in short-term postdoc positions. Currently, the IT University has 8 of its own PhD graduates employed in academic positions.

Conclusion

The vast majority of PhD graduates take a job in Denmark right after their graduation. All of the PhD graduates (that have responded) got a job shortly after graduating. The proportion of graduates taking their first job in

Denmark is higher for Danes than for others. As the number of Danes admitted to the PhD program has been very small for the past years, there is good reason to continue to monitor the distribution of jobs of the PhD graduates in the coming years.