Weatherall: MIT Ph.D's will get jobs they want

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Weatherall said that there are now some exceptions to the academic/research job openings for MIT Ph.D's, citing the fact that some graduates had gone into government or technology assessment consulting jobs. Those positions, he said, "will remain the exception. In general, I think almost all the graduates will still be working in research activities." 

"MIT's Ph.D's are known for being strong research Ph.D's. Even in fields where many Ph.D's are not going into non-academic work - psychology for example, producing many clinical workers, rather than researchers, with the Ph.D. - MIT's students are getting research work," Weatherall said.

MIT doctoral students are in fact interested in academic positions, Weatherall said. Weatherall noted that "some day" they would still apply almost equally "across the academic spectrum," with graduates of top-quality departments and schools facing the same job prospects as Ph.D's from other schools. But Robert K. Weatherall, director of MIT's Career and Placement Services, said that some students are still overwhelmingly going into the "academic stream," and Westgate residents may be able to control the situation, if they have adequate heating units. The problem at Eastgate, he said, is that the residents there are not willing to pay the increase. The Housing Office had originally planned to cover the $100,000 cost of the heating units by having Eastgate residents pay an extra $10 per month in rent for the first 10 years. 

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