

Table 49. Median basic annual salary for doctorate recipients with definite postgraduation plans for employment in the United States, by field of study and employment sector: 2015 (Dollars)

Field of study	Academe	Industry or business ^a	Government	Nonprofit organization	Other or unknown ^b
All fields	60,000	100,000	85,000	75,000	70,000
Science and engineering	62,000	100,000	85,000	80,000	60,500
Life sciences	63,000	86,200	75,000	85,000	52,000
Agricultural sciences and natural resources	60,350	81,000	70,500	63,500	D
Biological and biomedical sciences	54,300	85,000	70,000	70,000	50,000
Health sciences	68,000	97,000	88,000	97,500	72,500
Physical sciences and earth sciences	52,000	97,000	75,000	77,000	49,950
Chemistry	50,000	88,000	75,000	75,000	49,064
Geosciences, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	55,000	119,000	59,500	82,000	D
Physics and astronomy	52,750	100,000	95,000	87,000	50,000
Mathematics and computer sciences	65,000	120,000	100,000	101,501	68,000
Psychology and social sciences	60,000	90,000	85,000	70,000	75,500
Psychology	56,000	80,000	70,000	62,000	60,000
Economics	89,500	125,000	117,000	108,000	103,000
Social sciences ^c	58,500	99,000	85,500	73,000	78,000
Engineering	75,000	100,000	90,000	100,000	D
Non-science and engineering	60,000	85,000	80,196	66,000	72,000
Education	61,000	81,000	78,500	78,000	75,000
Humanities and arts	50,000	50,000	75,000	55,000	50,000
Business management and administration	122,750	116,000	110,000	95,000	74,000
Other non-S&E fields ^d	60,000	93,000	78,000	73,550	D

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

S&E = science and engineering.

^a Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.

^b "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

^c Excludes economics, which is usually included within social sciences.

^d Excludes business management and administration, which is usually included within other non-S&E fields.

NOTES: Median salaries in this table are the exact salary values of respondents at the 50th percentile of their frequency distribution; salary values have not been rounded. See table A-6 in the technical notes for a listing of major fields and their constituent subfields.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2015.