

TABLE 48. Median basic annual salary for doctorate recipients with definite postgraduation plans in the United States, by field of study, type of postgraduation plans, and sex: 2013

(Dollars)

Field of study	Employment		Postdoctoral study	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
All fields	80,000	63,550	44,000	40,500
Science and engineering	88,000	70,000	43,000	40,000
Life sciences	75,000	70,000	40,000	40,000
Agricultural sciences and natural resources	70,000	65,000	42,500	40,000
Biological, biomedical sciences	70,000	60,238	40,000	40,000
Health sciences	80,000	75,000	42,000	42,100
Physical sciences	94,700	79,000	50,000	48,000
Chemistry	80,000	74,500	40,000	40,000
Geosciences	85,000	62,000	50,000	50,000
Mathematics and computer and information sciences	100,000	87,000	55,000	55,000
Physics and astronomy	90,000	90,000	50,000	50,625
Social sciences and psychology	68,000	60,000	42,120	40,000
Economics	100,000	86,675	63,000	56,000
Psychology	61,000	59,594	40,000	40,000
Social sciences ^a	61,000	60,000	50,000	45,000
Engineering	96,000	92,000	45,000	45,000
Non-science and engineering	62,000	60,000	50,000	45,900
Education	70,000	62,000	50,000	50,000
Humanities	51,000	50,000	48,000	45,000
Business management and administration	120,000	108,000	70,000	45,000
Other non-S&E fields ^b	60,000	60,000	42,500	45,000

S&E = science and engineering.

^a Excludes economics.

^b Excludes business management and administration.

NOTES: Exact salary values were imputed for respondents who reported a salary range rather than an exact salary. 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.

SOURCE: NSF, NIH, USED, USDA, NEH, NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2013.