

Table 2**Position type of early career doctorates, by selected doctoral degree characteristics and demographic characteristics: 2017**

(Number and percent distribution)

Selected characteristic	All early career doctorates	Position type								
		Faculty					Postdoctoral scholar ^b	Other position		
		Total	Tenured faculty	Tenure-track faculty	Non-tenure track faculty with rank	Other faculty, no rank or tenure ^a		Total	Research scientist or nonfaculty researcher	All other positions ^c
32 years or younger	20.6	12.2	1.0	18.2	12.5	10.3	54.0	14.0	19.9	9.3
33–35 years	27.4	26.9	17.7	35.2	22.8	20.0	30.8	24.7	33.1	17.9
36–40 years	22.4	25.8	33.2	25.7	21.2	20.5	10.2	23.6	26.8	21.1
41 years or older	29.6	35.2	48.2	20.9	43.5	49.1	5.0	37.8	20.2	51.7

^a Other faculty, no rank or tenure includes all other faculty positions such as instructors, lecturers, and adjuncts.

^b Postdoctoral scholar positions are temporary positions in academe, industry, government, or a nonprofit organization primarily for gaining additional education and training in research.

^c All other positions are diverse but are typically university administrators and staff.

^d Includes medical and related degrees, such as Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD), and other professional degrees such as Doctor of Education (EdD).

^e Hispanic or Latino may be any race; race categories exclude Hispanic origin.

Note(s):

Counts are rounded to the nearest 100. Percentages are calculated from unrounded numbers and rounded to the nearest 10th of a percent. Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Early Career Doctorates Survey, 2017.