

Table 6-6. Median basic annual salary for research doctorate recipients with definite postgraduation plans in the United States, by broad field of doctorate, type of postgraduation plans, and sex: 2025

(Dollars)

Field of doctorate	Total with definite plan ^a			Employment			Postdoctoral study		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Doctorate recipients reporting annual salary	75,000	80,000	71,500	100,000	114,750	87,800	65,000	65,000	64,480
Science and engineering	75,000	82,000	70,000	109,000	120,000	95,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Agricultural sciences and natural resources	68,000	69,000	67,000	85,000	92,000	80,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Biological and biomedical sciences	66,737	67,000	66,000	95,000	100,000	90,000	64,000	65,000	64,000
Computer and information sciences	150,000	160,000	120,000	170,000	175,000	150,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Engineering	97,000	100,000	90,000	125,000	128,000	115,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Geosciences, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	70,000	71,000	70,000	85,500	90,000	80,000	68,000	68,000	67,900
Health sciences	80,000	80,000	80,000	96,000	100,000	95,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Mathematics and statistics	78,500	80,000	75,000	110,000	117,442	95,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Multidisciplinary/ interdisciplinary sciences	100,000	120,000	83,250	135,000	150,000	109,500	68,000	70,000	67,100
Physical sciences	76,000	75,000	80,000	115,000	115,000	110,000	67,600	68,000	67,000
Psychology	65,000	68,000	65,000	80,000	85,000	80,000	61,008	61,008	61,008
Social sciences	75,000	80,000	73,000	89,000	96,500	85,000	65,000	67,000	65,000
Non-science and engineering	75,000	76,000	74,000	79,000	80,000	76,950	61,803	61,000	62,000
Business	138,000	145,000	128,000	140,000	147,250	130,000	70,000	75,000	66,000
Education	80,000	82,000	79,787	82,000	85,000	80,000	64,240	65,000	63,000
Humanities	62,000	62,000	62,000	64,000	65,000	63,000	60,000	60,000	61,000
Visual and performing arts	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	65,000	59,000
Other non-science and engineering	75,000	78,000	72,000	78,000	80,000	75,000	63,500	64,000	63,000

^a Total with definite plan includes doctorate recipients who reported having a postgraduation plan and salary but did not report type of postgraduation plan.

Note(s):
A definite postgraduation commitment includes accepting new employment or a postdoctoral study (postdoc) position or returning to predoctoral employment. Basic annual salary is based on the job or postdoctoral study expected to be held after graduation. Median salaries in this table are the 50th percentile of the exact salary data provided and are rounded to the nearest dollar. The survey data collection for the field of study changed in 2021, which may affect the data comparisons across years. This table uses the new field taxonomy based on a modified version of the 2020 Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes and does not match data that uses the trend field taxonomy. For more information about the field taxonomy changes, see the "Technical Notes."

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National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates.