

Table 6-7. Median basic annual salary for research doctorate recipients with definite postgraduation commitments for non-postdoc employment in the United States, by broad field of doctorate and employment sector: 2025

(Dollars)

Field of doctorate	Total with definite plan ^a	Academe	Industry or business ^b	Government	Nonprofit organization	Other or unknown ^c
Doctorate recipients reporting annual salary	100,000	75,006	131,000	100,000	93,800	90,000
Science and engineering	109,000	80,000	134,190	100,000	100,000	80,000
Agricultural sciences and natural resources	85,000	77,100	100,000	90,000	80,000	67,500
Biological and biomedical sciences	95,000	70,000	120,000	89,000	90,000	74,000
Computer and information sciences	170,000	100,000	185,000	143,000	160,250	105,000
Engineering	125,000	95,000	130,000	108,000	118,000	76,000
Geosciences, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	85,500	62,396	100,000	86,960	93,500	D
Health sciences	96,000	85,000	120,000	107,000	110,000	86,000
Mathematics and statistics	110,000	69,000	160,000	119,500	105,000	94,000
Multidisciplinary/ interdisciplinary sciences	135,000	88,650	170,000	117,000	100,500	70,250
Physical sciences	115,000	65,000	125,000	95,000	90,000	61,750
Psychology	80,000	71,000	100,000	90,000	90,000	78,000
Social sciences	89,000	75,000	150,000	101,000	97,000	94,500
Non-science and engineering	79,000	73,000	100,000	100,000	80,000	90,000
Business	140,000	140,000	150,000	140,000	115,000	97,000
Education	82,000	75,000	97,000	91,500	90,000	95,000
Humanities	64,000	61,000	72,000	79,000	70,000	65,000
Visual and performing arts	60,000	60,000	65,000	-	60,000	63,000
Other non-science and engineering	78,000	72,750	105,250	100,000	88,000	73,000

- = not calculable; D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Total with definite plan includes doctorate recipients who did not report employment sector.^b Industry or business includes doctorate recipients reporting self-employment.^c Other is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.**Note(s):**

A definite postgraduation commitment for non-postdoc employment includes accepting new employment or returning to predoctoral employment that is not a postdoctoral study (postdoc) position. Basic annual salary is based on the job 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."

Source(s):

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