

Earning Potential (2006)

	Median Annual Earnings	Lifetime Earnings (40 years)
Professional	\$74,932	###
Doctorate	\$76,648	###
Master's	\$59,280	###
Bachelor's	\$50,024	###
Associate	\$37,492	###
Some college, no degree	\$35,048	###
High school graduate only	\$30,940	###

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

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Payback Rate in Years

	Cost	Years	Total
Expenses for Degree*	\$21,648	2	\$43,296
Income**	\$8,875	1	\$8,875
Current Salary	\$40,000	2	\$80,000
Total Cost of Degree			###

Estimated Earning First Difference from Current Salary: Years to Earn back

\$60,000	\$20,000	6.6
\$65,000	\$25,000	5.3
\$70,000	\$30,000	4.4
\$75,000	\$35,000	3.8
\$80,000	\$40,000	3.3

*Includes tuition, fees and living expenses

**Earnings, summer internship

9600 tuition

12048 fees, books and board

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