

Table 9. Salaries for Research Positions, by Type of Research Activity, 2015

Type of Research Activity	Median	Mean	S.D.	N
<b>Basic Research</b> – Study directed toward gaining scientific knowledge primarily for its own sake	\$50,000	\$73,038	47,746	6,949
<b>Applied Research</b> – Study directed toward gaining scientific knowledge to meet a recognized need	\$100,000	\$116,622	57,568	13,129
<b>Development</b> – Using knowledge gained from research for the production of materials, devices	\$96,000	\$81,955	40,816	4,463
<b>Design</b> – Design of equipment, processes, structures, models	\$90,000	\$106,533	22,167	1,660
<b>All</b>	\$95,000	\$98,519	54,473	26,201

s = suppressed due to small cell size.

Source: 2015 National Survey of College Graduates, National Science Foundation.