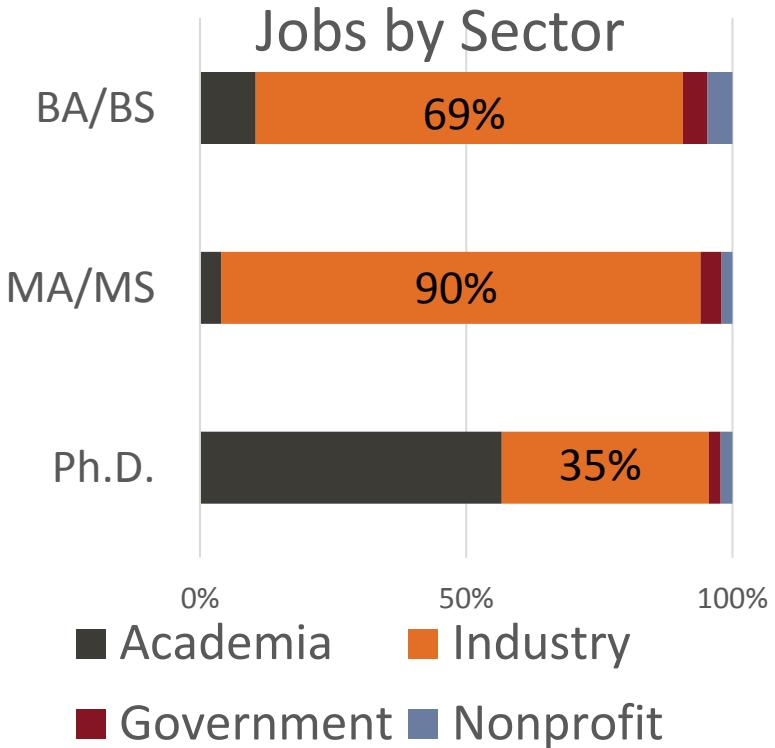
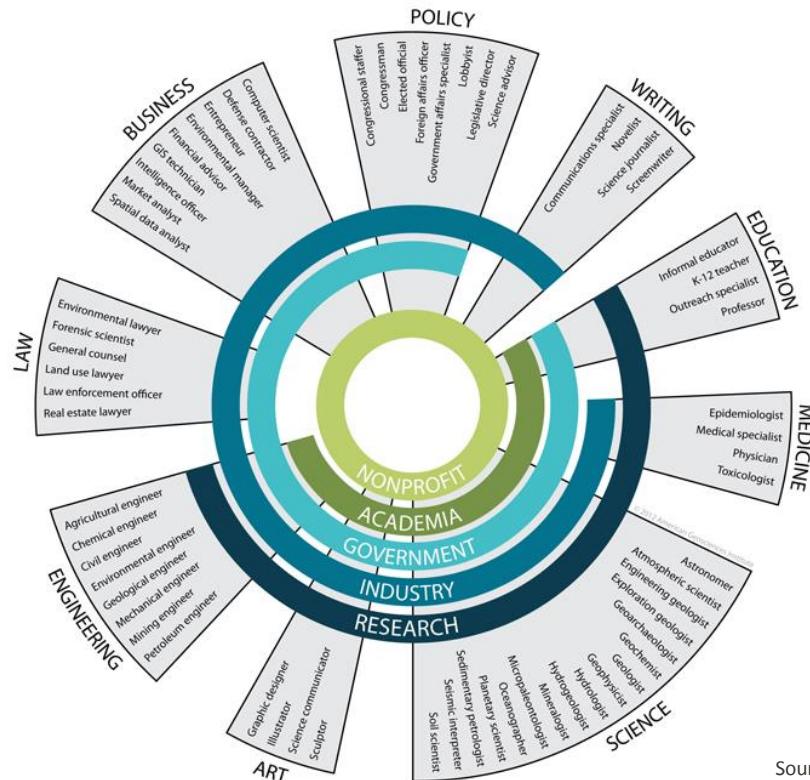


# Graduate Student Outcomes

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# Where the Geo-graduates Go



# Top 3 Industrial Employment Subsectors for Geo-Science Graduates by Degree



**BA/BS**

1. Environmental Sciences

2. Oil & Gas

3. Information Services



**MA/MS**

1. Oil & Gas

2. Environmental Sciences

3. Tie between: Mining & Research Institutes



**Ph.D.**

1. Research Institute

2. Oil & Gas

3. Nonprofit/NGO

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Source: American Geosciences Institute, Geoscience Currents, No. 108, 2015 Status of Recent Geoscience Graduates

# Non-Technical Skills Needed for Success

## Personal Effectiveness

Proactive Nature

Attention to Details

Adaptability

## Problem Solving

Systems Thinking

Analysis

Innovation

## Interpersonal

Communications (oral & written)

Cultural/Social Awareness

Teamwork

Leading/Providing Direction

## Operating

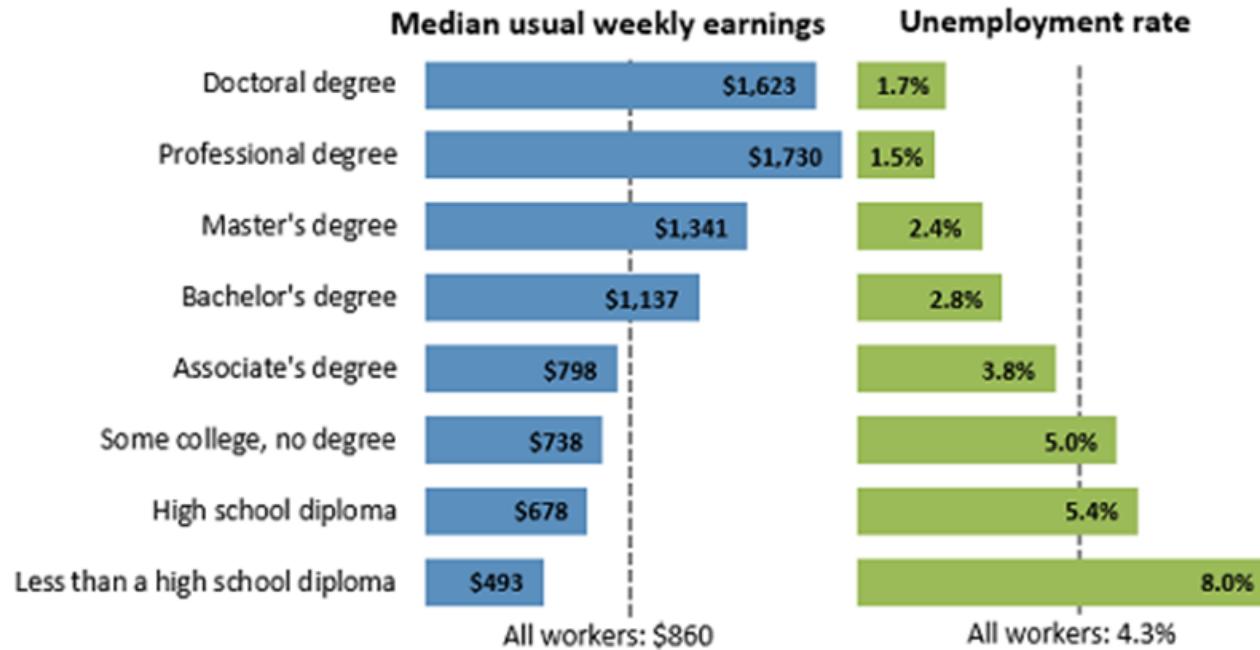
Planning & Organizing

Managing Finances

Managing Projects

Managing People

# Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2015 data

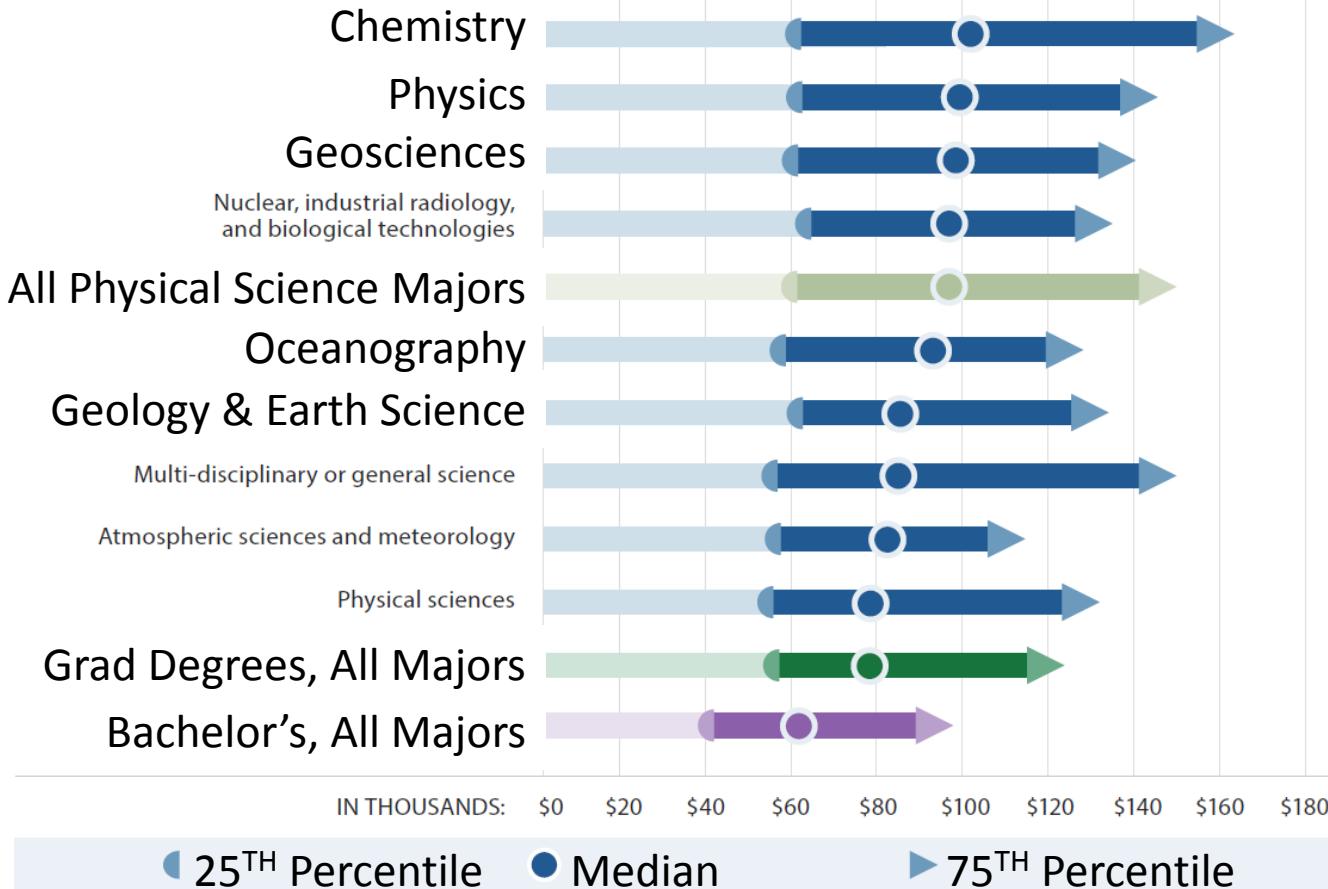


Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

# Annual Wages for Graduate Degree holders in the fields of physical sciences

Interquartile range of annual wages of graduate degree holders with physical sciences majors  
(ages 25-59) by major subgroup (2013\$)



IN THOUSANDS: \$0 \$20 \$40 \$60 \$80 \$100 \$120 \$140 \$160 \$180  
Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce analysis of U.S. Census Bureau, *American Community Survey* micro data, 2009-2013.



25<sup>TH</sup> Percentile



Median



75<sup>TH</sup> Percentile

# Graduate Degree Wage Premium, 2013\$

Major Group	Bachelor's \$	Graduate \$	Δ\$	%
All Biology & Life Science	\$56,000	\$92,000	\$36,000	64%
All Physical Science Majors	\$65,000	\$97,000	\$32,000	49%
Chemistry	\$64,000	\$104,000	\$40,000	63%
Geosciences	\$64,000	\$98,000	\$34,000	53%
Oceanography	\$69,000	\$91,000	\$22,000	32%
Physics	\$81,000	\$101,000	\$20,000	25%