

Projected Salary Ranges for Engineering Majors in the Class of 2016

Petroleum engineering majors are expected to be the top-paid Class of 2016 engineering graduates at the bachelor's degree level.

Petroleum engineering majors are projected to earn an average starting salary of \$89,563. (See Figure 1.)

Also expected to surpass the \$65,000 mark among this year's graduates are chemical engineering (\$69,196), electrical engineering (\$66,269), computer engineering (\$65,606), and mechanical engineering (\$65,593) majors. In all cases, these projected salaries are up from those reported in the Winter 2015 *Salary Survey*.

Figure 1: Projected salaries for Class of 2016 engineering majors, bachelor's degrees

Academic Major	Mean	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
Petroleum engineering	\$89,563	\$81,500	\$98,250	\$103,500
Chemical engineering	\$69,196	\$64,000	\$68,000	\$73,000
Electrical engineering	\$66,269	\$63,000	\$65,000	\$70,000
Computer engineering	\$65,606	\$61,500	\$65,000	\$69,500
Mechanical engineering	\$65,593	\$61,000	\$65,000	\$68,500
Software engineering	\$63,850	\$58,000	\$65,000	\$69,000
Materials engineering/science	\$63,478	\$60,000	\$65,000	\$68,000
Systems engineering	\$63,378	\$60,000	\$65,000	\$68,000
Aerospace/aeronautical engineering	\$63,117	\$62,000	\$64,000	\$68,000
Engineering technology	\$62,814	\$58,000	\$62,500	\$67,000

Source: Winter 2016 *Salary Survey*, National Association of Colleges and Employers

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