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Engineering, Computer Science Students Have Highest Salary Expectations

As a group, students majoring in the engineering disciplines have the highest salary expectations, followed by those studying the computer science fields, according to results of NACE's *2010 Student Survey*.

Overall, students working toward degrees in engineering anticipate an average salary of \$56,202; their computer science peers expect to average \$50,657.

Those expectations are in line with reality: NACE's *Summer 2010 Salary Survey* shows that the average offer to engineering grads is \$58,970, while those studying the computer science fields currently average \$59,750.

As a group, students majoring in liberal arts/humanities report the lowest expectations at \$33,697; that's also in line with current data from *Salary Survey*, which shows liberal arts majors averaging \$34,747.

NACE's *2010 Student Survey* was conducted February 9, 2010, through April 30, 2010. More than 31,470 students representing more than 400 colleges and universities nationwide took part; more than 13,000 of those were graduating seniors. A final report on the study's findings will be available later this year.