

Which specialized business master's pays the most?

There are many reasons to consider a specialized master's in business early in your career. Whatever your motivation, it's hard to ignore one of the most important outcomes for so many students: **salary potential**.

How much you earn makes a difference in the quality of your life. It influences where you can afford to live, how soon you can buy a house, how often you travel — even when you can comfortably start a family.

And caring about money doesn't mean that you have any less desire to have a positive impact on the world. Both are equally important goals for many graduates.

So, what is the likely impact on your salary? The **Graduate Management Admission Council® Alumni Perspectives Survey Report 2017** has a lot to say on that:

Average Annual Total Compensation for Alumni of MBA and Specialized Business Master's Degrees

Keep in mind that most MBA programs require at least two years of work experience, so the compensation is higher overall.



\$75,513



\$123,950



\$177,544



\$272,907



\$440,122

What can you expect to earn from the three most popular specialized business master's degrees?

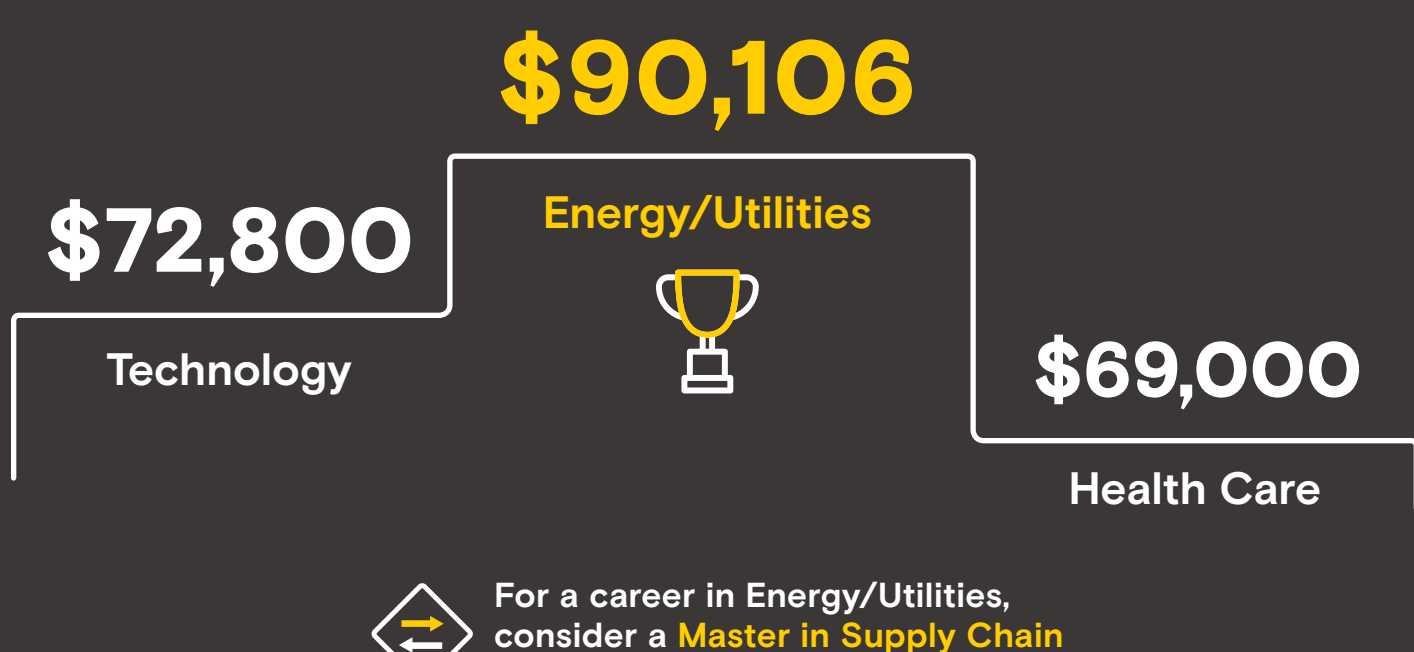
	Entry level	Mid-level	Senior level
Master of Accounting	\$69,384	\$100,259	\$118,269
Master of Finance	\$80,877	\$103,115	\$152,432
Master of Management	\$51,125	\$71,217	\$100,238

Note: income can vary by industry, job sector, and location.

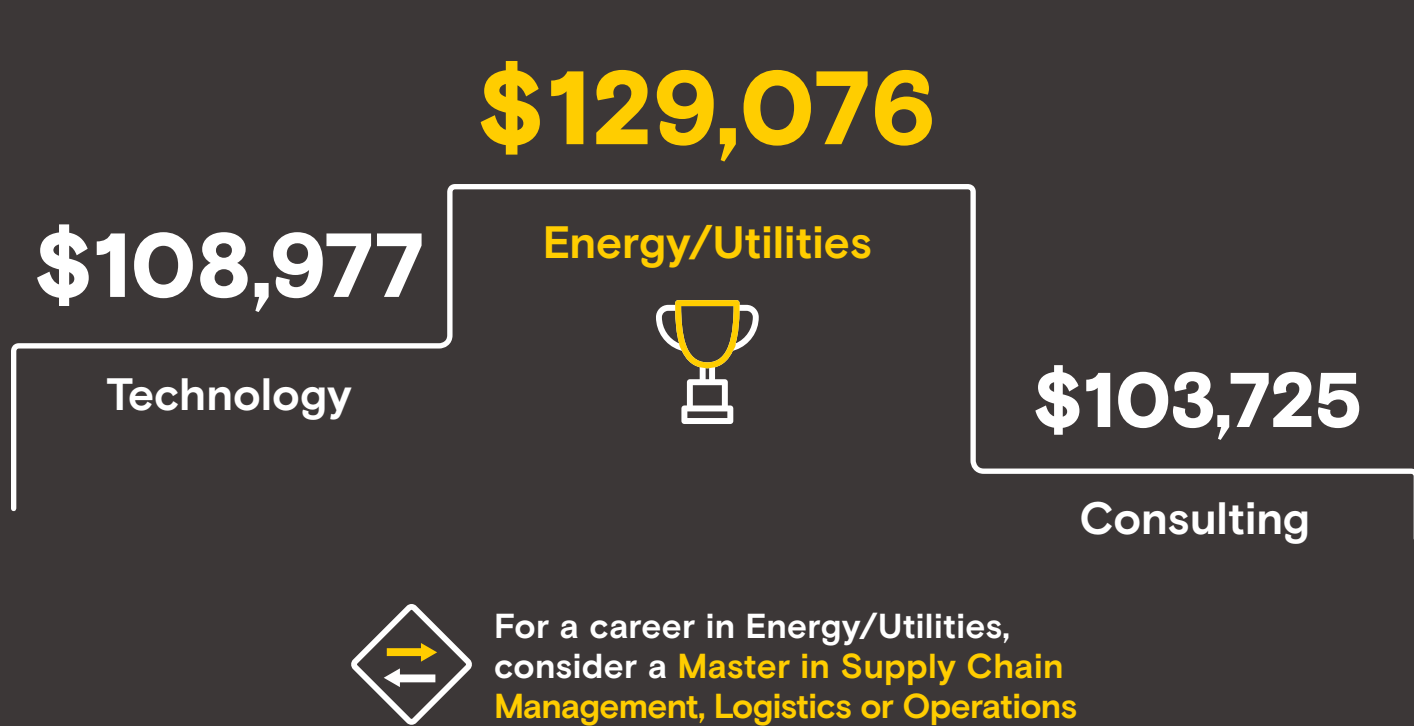
Which industries pay the best?

The numbers below include MBA grads, but specialized master's degrees can be a great way to get into — or move up in — the industry of your choice.

Top 3 industries with highest salaries for **entry level** positions:



Top 3 industries with highest salaries for **mid-level** positions:



Top 3 industries with highest salaries for **senior level** positions:



Doing a master's in business will boost your career or help you get that dream job in a specific field. Your GMAT® score is good for five years and keeps every possible option open — most top schools around the world require it for the MBA and recommend it for other master's.