

# Masters of Urban and Regional Planning

Why do you want a MURP degree?

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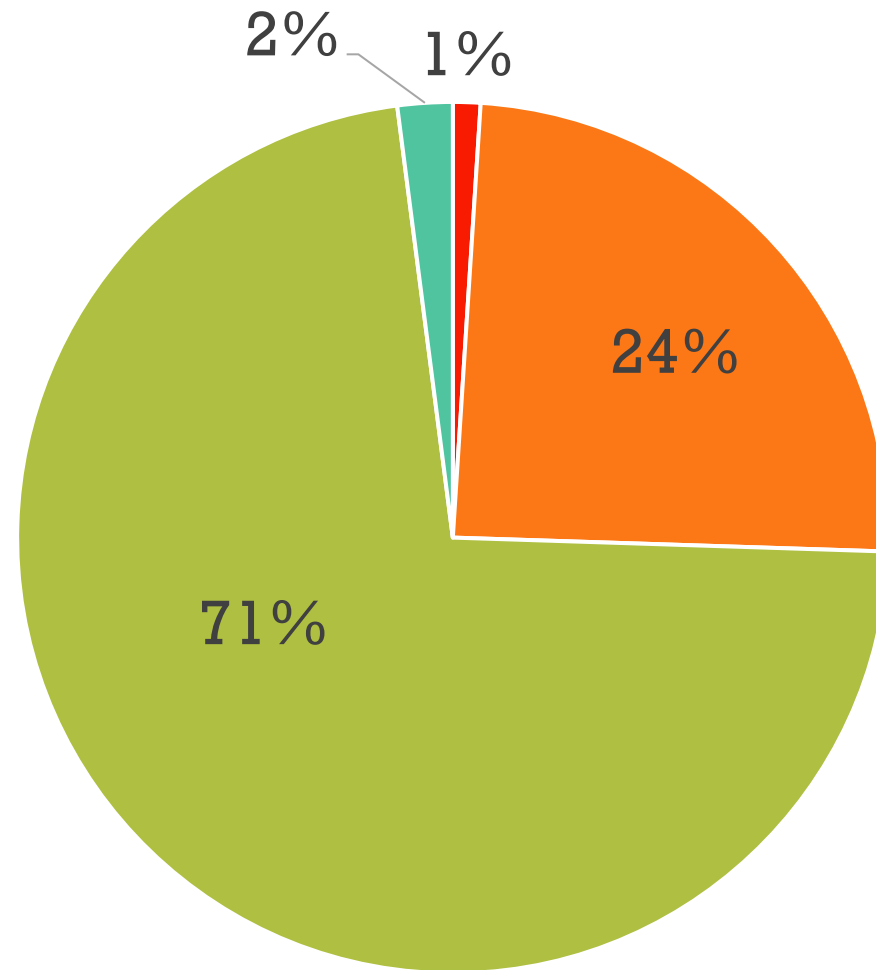
## Who am I?



- Associate professor at the Department of Urban and Regional Planning since 2013
- Coordinator of Master's program since July 2018
- Teach graduate electives on economic development
- Research on the intersection of artificial intelligence, economic development, planning, public policy, and real estate

## Degrees of Professional Planners

APA Salary Survey 2016,  
<https://www.planning.org/salary/summary/>

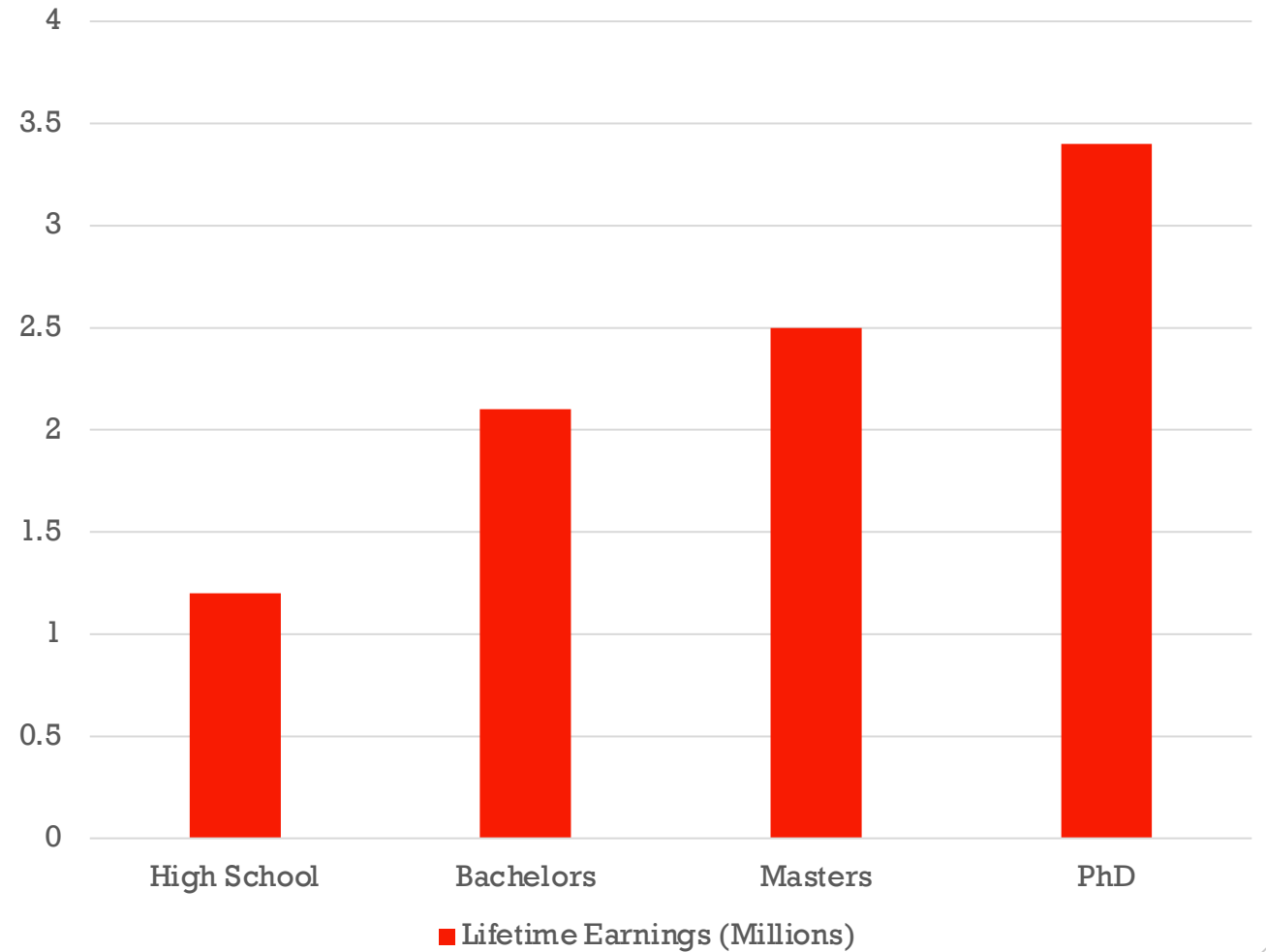


■ Associates ■ Bachelors ■ Masters ■ Doctorate

Education pays.

Source: US Census Bureau, "The Big Payoff: Educational Attainment and Synthetic Estimates of Work-Life Earnings"

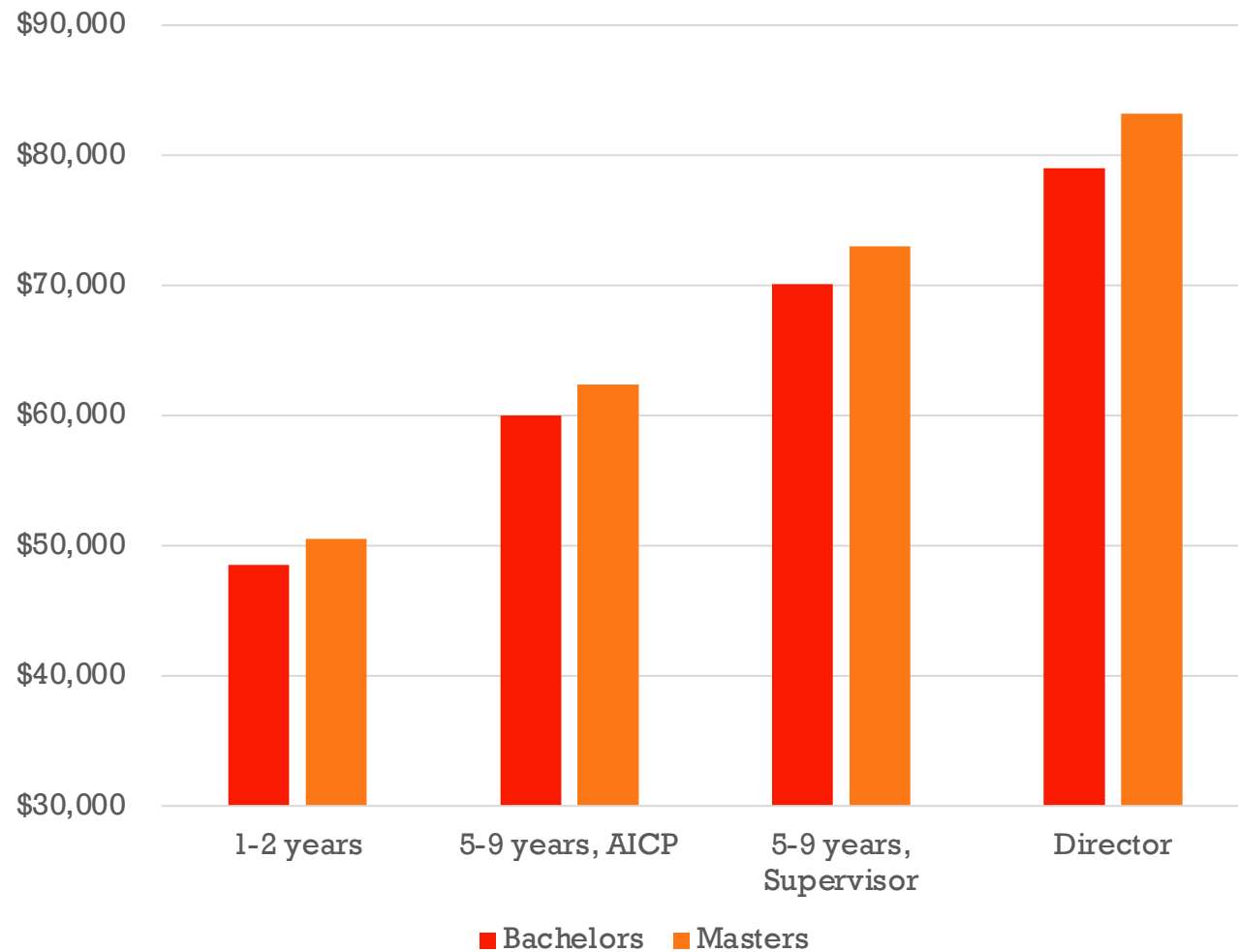
Lifetime Earnings (Millions)



# Value of the Masters

APA Salary Survey 2016,  
<https://www.planning.org/salary/summary/>

## Masters Degrees Earn More



# AICP Certification

- AICP = American Institute of Certified Planners
- Nationwide independent certification of professional credential
- The most recent APA/AICP Planners [Salary Survey](#) shows that certified planners earn more than noncertified planners, even when experience and responsibility are considered. It also opens more career opportunities, and can enhance a planner's professional credibility.
- <https://www.planning.org/aicp/>

# Earning AICP Faster

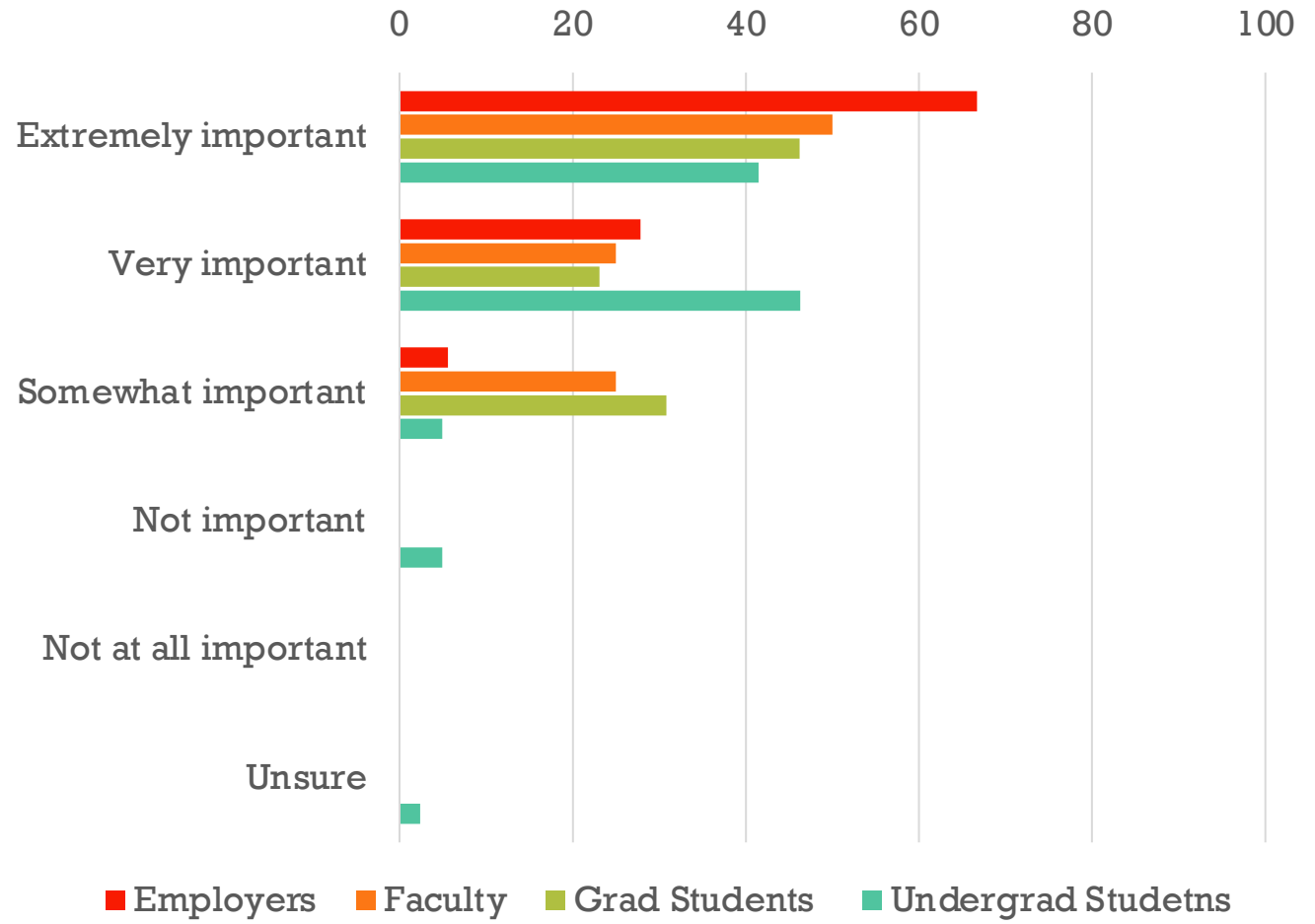
<b>Level of Education *</b>	<b>Total Years of Professional Planning Experience Required</b>
<b>Graduate degree in Planning from a program accredited by the PAB **</b>	<b>2 years</b>
Bachelor's degree in Planning from a program accredited by the PAB **	3 years
Graduate degree in Planning from a program <i>not</i> accredited by the PAB	3 years
Any other post-graduate, graduate, or undergraduate degree ***	4 years
No college degree	8 years

## Working on Research

- Learn about cutting-edge research
- Improve quality of life for local and national communities
- As a graduate research assistant, receive a stipend and tuition remission
  
- Collaborative Sciences Center for Road Safety
  - <http://cscrs.fau.edu/>
- Center for Urban and Environmental Studies
  - <http://cues.fau.edu/>
- Visual Planning Technology Lab
  - <http://vpt.fau.edu/>



# Importance of Writing Skills



## Advanced Standing Program

- B. Arch, BURP, and BUD students eligible
- GPA of > 3.25
- No GRE requirement
- Earn up to 12 hours of credit that work towards both your undergraduate and MURP degree in your senior year
- Complete 25% of MURP degree before you even graduate
- <http://science.fau.edu/departments/urban-regional-planning/murp/advanced-standing/>
- Talk to your undergraduate advisor to ensure you have room for necessary electives

# How to Apply

- Apply online through the Department of Urban and Regional Planning website
- <http://science.fau.edu/departments/urban-regional-planning/murp/how-to-apply/>
- <http://science.fau.edu/departments/urban-regional-planning/murp/advanced-standing/>
- For any questions regarding the Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree program, please contact **Dr. Jesse Saginor** (Program Coordinator) at [jsaginor@fau.edu](mailto:jsaginor@fau.edu).

Come talk to  
our faculty

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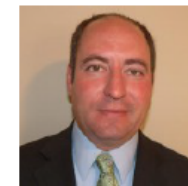
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