

Masters of Urban and Regional Planning

Why do I want a MURP degree?

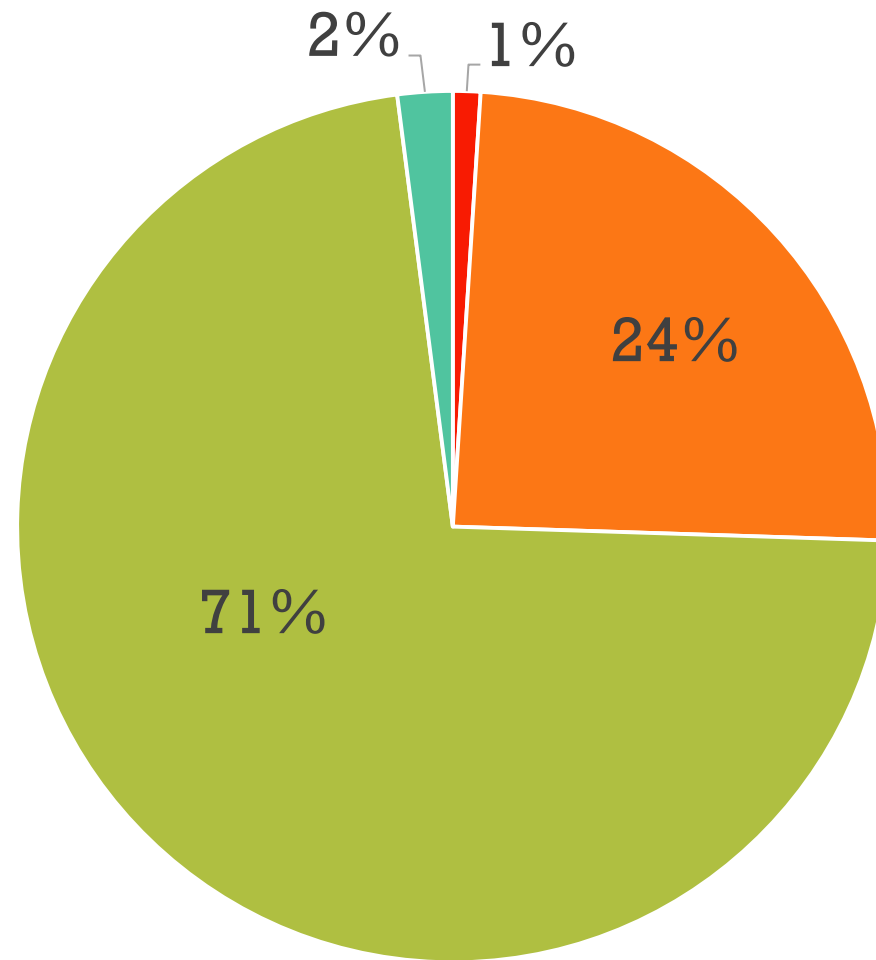
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Who am I?

- Assistant professor at the School of Urban and Regional Planning
- Started July 2016
- Teach Transportation Planning, Future of Urban Mobility, Regional and Scenario Planning, Statistics, and Urban and Regional Theory
- Research transportation-land use relationship and traffic safety

Degrees of Professional Planners

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

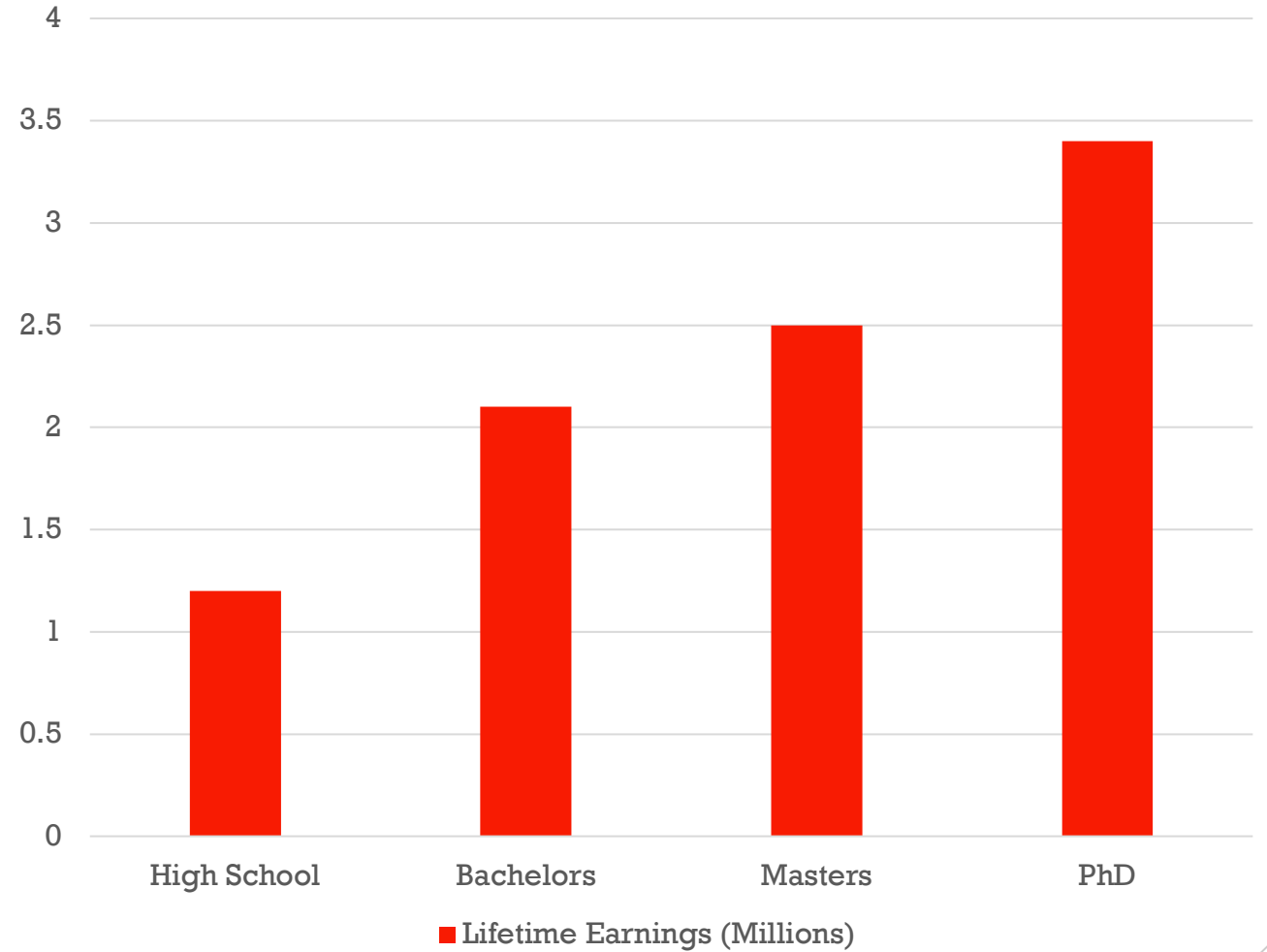


■ Associates ■ Bachelors ■ Masters ■ Doctorate

Education pays.

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

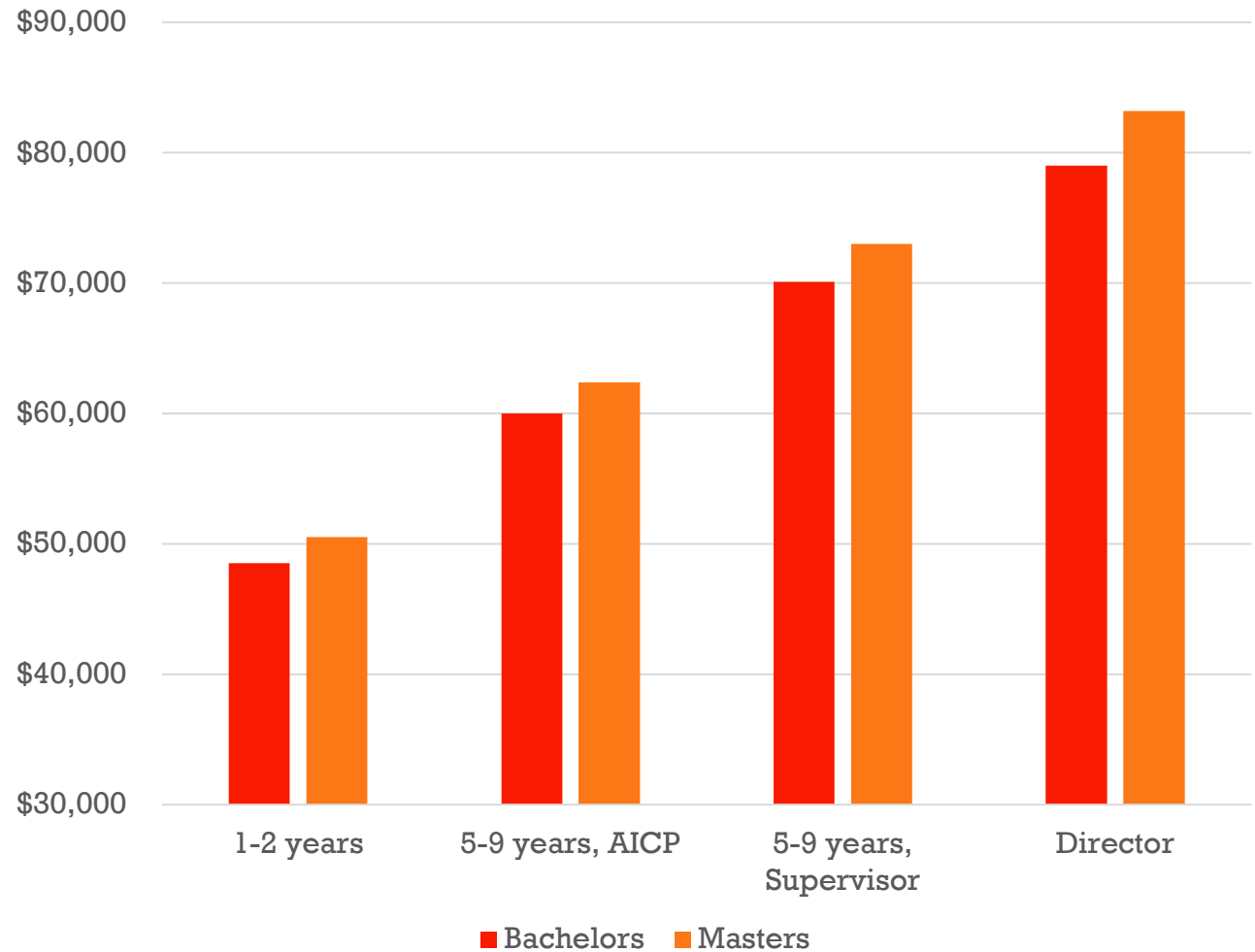
Lifetime Earnings (Millions)



Value of the Masters

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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

Level of Education *	Total Years of Professional Planning Experience Required
Graduate degree in Planning from a program accredited by the PAB **	2 years
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

Developing a Specialization

In Transportation Planning:

- Introduction to Transportation Planning
- Transportation and Land Use Planning
- Future of Urban Mobility
- Regional and Scenario Planning
- TTE 6815 - Highway Engineering
- TTE 6272 - Intelligent Transportation Systems

In Environmental Planning:

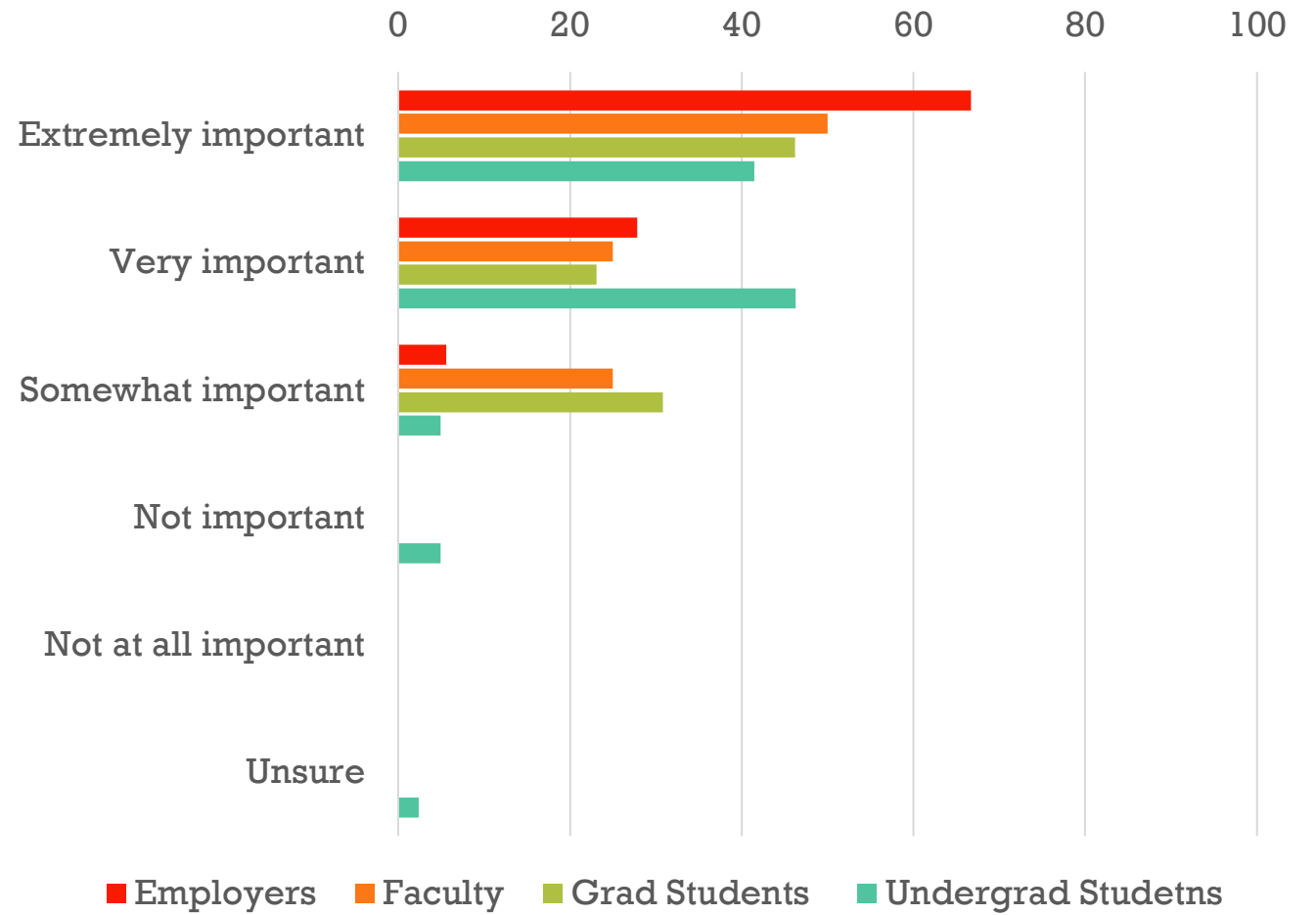
- Sustainable Cities
- Managing GIS Projects
- GIS Applications in Planning
- Environmental Analysis in Planning
- Environmental Policy and Programs

Working on Research

- Learn about cutting-edge research
- Improve quality of life for local and national communities
- Receive a stipend and tuition remission

- Collaborative Sciences Center for Road Safety
 - <http://www.roadsafety.unc.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

- 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ of MURP degree before you even graduate
- <http://cdsi.fau.edu/surp/murp/advanced-standing/>
- Talk to your undergraduate advisor to ensure you have room for necessary electives

How to Apply

- Apply online through the School of Urban and Regional Planning website
- <http://cdsi.fau.edu/surp/murp/>
- <http://cdsi.fau.edu/surp/murp/advanced-standing/>
- Graduate program advising contact:
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Come talk to
our faculty

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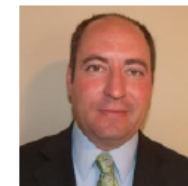
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Thank you

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