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IWPR COMPENSATION PROGRAM





OVERVIEW

In 2021, IWPR partnered with Working Ideal to conduct a compensation study to help ensure that our compensation program is in alignment with our values and the market. While many choose to work at mission-driven organizations because of their commitment to social change, we know fair and equitable compensation is key to attracting and retaining top talent.

Recent research shows that traditional education and experience-based hiring and compensation models are a barrier to inclusive hiring. This equity issue is rooted in the educational attainment gap that exists by race and ethnicity.

We hope that IWPR's experience-based compensation framework is consistent and promotes equity and transparency for existing IWPR employees, applicants and new hires.

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE IWPR COMPENSATION FRAMEWORK

In the framework, compensation is connected to an individual's role in the organization, and their level of experience and expertise. It also outlines defined salary growth opportunities over time.

There are three categories of roles with distinct levels: **Research, Administration and Policy/Advocacy**. The levels within each role category are based on required knowledge and skills for that particular role, and scope of responsibility.

Employee placement within the band is based on a combination of educational attainment and related experience.

EMPLOYEE PLACEMENT WITHIN COMPENSATION BANDS



Employees are placed within the compensation band for their respective level based on their total amount of related experience and their educational attainment. For each role, there are defined experience benchmarks for placement that correspond to a point in the pay range, from zero to 100 percent.

For Executive and some senior level positions, placement is determined by a combination of experience and scope of responsibility. The compensation of the President and CEO is determined by the IWPR Board of Directors.

Example of Band Placement Based on Experience and Education:

Role/Level	Education and Experience	Placement in range	Salary in 2021
Researcher II (Research Associate)	Masters plus 3-5 years related experience	50 percent	\$ 65,000
Admin II (Specialist/ Manager)	Bachelors' plus 5-6 years related experience	Minimum	\$58,000
Researcher III (Sr. Research Assoc or Study Director or Assoc Director)	PhD plus 2-5 years related experience	25 percent	\$ 92,5000

USING EDUCATION AND RELATED EXPERIENCE TO BENCHMARK COMPENSATION

Research positions at IWPR often require deep experience or expertise on a particular subject. As a result, for many positions, there is a preference for individuals to hold a relevant Master's degree or PHD.

In the labor market, related experiences is an important factor in determining someone's level of compensation, and it is a standard practice to pay individuals who have more experience a higher salary than someone with less experience in the same role.

Experience is also a measurable factor that is reasonably objective and will provide consistency and transparency. Incorporating experience also allows IWPR to provide more defined opportunities for salary growth for individuals who stay with the organization over time, as accumulating more experience will lead to regular pay increases at set times.

Where a position's minimum qualifications are a PhD or equivalent experience, the minimum level of experience for an individual with a Masters' degree will be higher.

DETERMINING COMPENSATION BASED ON RELATED EXPERIENCE: WHAT COUNTS

Experience is measured based on prior work experience in jobs and activities that are related to the role that an employee has or is applying for. The experience included will depend on the employee's role in the organization. The following principles also apply:

- **Tenure at IWPR.** Time at IWPR in a regular employment status is included in calculation of related experience. Time at IWPR as an intern is treated like other internships, as part of educational attainment (see below). Time at IWPR in a contract position will be included if the work is related to your current regular employment position.
- **Administrative Roles:** Experience in your professional or subject matter area is always included in the calculation of related experience, for example:
 - Prior work or experience in the same or related field for an Administrative role or position.
 - Administrative and management experience.
- **Policy roles — policy, advocacy and organizing experience,** including:
 - Direct experience work with policy or advocacy organizations or issue campaigns related to any of our issue areas, or specific to the position.
 - Policy research and analysis related to any of our issue areas, or specific to the position.
 - Policymaking or legislative work related to any of our issue areas, or specific to the position.
- **Internships and Positions held as a Part-time or Full-time student.** Any paid or unpaid internships and any paid work experience at your educational institution accumulated while a part-time or full-time student is considered part of educational attainment, and is not included in related experience.



Full time related work experience that overlaps with graduate work will be included in related experience. Part-time work experience that overlaps with graduate work will not be included in related experience.

- **Post Doc Positions.** These are considered part of educational attainment and will be weighted at 50 percent.
- **Related and Overlapping Experience:** Related experience will be measured based on total months in the position. If you hold multiple related positions during the same time period, that does not increase your total months of related experience.
- **Part-Time work and employment while not enrolled in a degree program.** Related part-time work experience will be counted as .50 full-time equivalent (F.T.E.).

Determining Individual Placement on the Compensation Grid?

IWPR Employee placement is based on your position, as determined by IWPR using the position or job description. Placement within the band was determined by related experience and education (as reflected on your resumes) and calculated by Working Ideal and confirmed by IWPR.

Determining Salary Increases at IWPR

COLA Increases: At the beginning of the new fiscal year, IWPR employees receive a cost of living adjustment (COLA). COLA is not compulsory and each year a determination will be made based on the fiscal health of the organization as to whether or not staff will receive the adjustment. For more information related to COLA, please see the IWPR Employee Handbook.



COLA increases are not merit increases. COLA Increases happen at the beginning of the new fiscal year, and may place employees slightly above their current experience benchmark.

Periodic Step Increases: IWPR employees are eligible for periodic step increases when they gain additional work-related experience or education. The additional work-related experience or education may move an employee to higher level on the salary band. Period step increases occur at the end of the fiscal year to be implemented at start of the new fiscal year.

It is important to note: increases are not additive. If the step increase is higher than your cost of living increase at the end of the year, an employee will get the step increase instead of the cost of living increase.

Example A: A new employee is hired into a Researcher II position in September of 2020. They have a Masters' degree and 1.5 years of related experience, which places them at the 12.5% benchmark for a salary of \$59,750. In July of 2021, IWPR provides a 1.5% cost of living increase, which raises their salary to \$60,646. They also now have an additional nine months of related experience, which moves them to the 25% benchmark. That raises their salary further to \$61,500.

Example B: A new employee is hired into an Admin III position in September of 2020. They have a bachelors' degree and five years of related experience, which places them at the 25% benchmark for a salary of \$79,500. In July of 2021, IWPR provides a 1.5% cost of living increase, which raises their salary to \$80,693. They now have six years of related experience, so they do not get a step increase to the next experience benchmark which is at 7 years of related experience. If they remain with the organization, they will be eligible for that increase the following year.

All future COLA, annual or step increases are contingent on the financial health of the organization.

Merit-based Bonus Structure: IWPR adheres to a merit-based bonus structure. Bonuses will occur twice per year (December and June) and will be up to 5 percent annually as determined by the fiscal health of the organization at the start of the new fiscal year. The bonuses will be based on employee mid-year and annual reviews.

IWPR COMPENSATION GRID

Role	Job Title(s)	Min	Mid	Max	Min Quals Education	Min Quals Experience	12.50%	25%	37.50%	Midpoint Quals	62.50%	75%	87.50%	Max Quals
Researcher I	Research Assistant/ Fellow	\$ 52,300.00	\$ 56,484.00	\$ 60,668.00	Bachelors or Equiv*	Bachelor's* + 0 years	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8+ years
						\$ 52,300.00	\$ 53,346.00	\$ 54,392.00	\$ 55,438.00	\$ 56,484.00	\$ 57,530.00	\$ 58,576.00	\$ 59,622.00	\$ 60,668.00
Researcher II	Research Associate	\$ 60,668.00	\$ 67,990.00	\$ 75,312.00	Masters or Equiv*	Master's* + 0 years	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8+ years
						\$ 60,668.00	\$ 62,498.50	\$ 64,329.00	\$ 66,159.50	\$ 67,990.00	\$ 69,820.50	\$ 71,651.00	\$ 73,481.50	\$ 75,312.00
Admin I	Assistant/Associate	\$ 52,300.00	\$ 56,484.00	\$ 60,668.00	Bachelors or Equiv*	Bachelor's* + 0 years	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8+ years
						\$ 52,300.00	\$ 53,346.00	\$ 54,392.00	\$ 55,438.00	\$ 56,484.00	\$ 57,530.00	\$ 58,576.00	\$ 59,622.00	\$ 60,668.00
Admin II	Specialist /Manager	\$ 60,668.00	\$ 67,990.00	\$ 75,312.00	Bachelors or Equiv*	Bachelor's* + 3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8-9 years	10-11 years	12-13 years	14+ years
						\$ 60,668.00	\$ 62,498.50	\$ 64,329.00	\$ 66,159.50	\$ 67,990.00	\$ 69,820.50	\$ 71,651.00	\$ 73,481.50	\$ 75,312.00
Policy I	Policy Assistant/ Associate	\$ 52,300.00	\$ 56,484.00	\$ 60,668.00	Bachelors or Equiv*	Bachelor's* + 0 years	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8+ years
						\$ 52,300.00	\$ 53,346.00	\$ 54,392.00	\$ 55,438.00	\$ 56,484.00	\$ 57,530.00	\$ 58,576.00	\$ 59,622.00	\$ 60,668.00
Policy II	Policy Analyst	\$ 60,668.00	\$ 67,990.00	\$ 75,312.00	Masters or Equiv*	Master's* + 0 years	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8+ years
						\$ 60,668.00	\$ 62,498.50	\$ 64,329.00	\$ 66,159.50	\$ 67,990.00	\$ 69,820.50	\$ 71,651.00	\$ 73,481.50	\$ 75,312.00
Researcher IIIa	Senior Research Associate	\$ 88,910.00	\$ 94,140.00	\$ 99,370.00	PhD or Equiv*	PhD* + 0 years	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8+ years
						\$ 88,910.00	\$ 90,217.50	\$ 91,525.00	\$ 92,832.50	\$ 94,140.00	\$ 95,447.50	\$ 96,755.00	\$ 98,062.50	\$ 99,370.00
Researcher IIIb	Project Director	\$ 96,755.00	\$ 107,215.00	\$ 117,675.00	PhD or Equiv*	PhD* + 3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8 years	9 years	10 years	11+ years
						\$ 96,755.00	\$ 99,370.00	\$101,985.00	\$104,600.00	\$ 107,215.00	\$109,830.00	\$112,445.00	\$115,060.00	\$117,675.00
Researcher IIIc	Associate Director	\$ 99,370.00	\$ 109,830.00	\$ 120,290.00	PhD or Equiv*	PhD* + 3 years	4 years	5 years	6 years	7 years	8 years	9 years	10 years	11+ years
						\$ 99,370.00	\$101,985.00	\$104,600.00	\$107,215.00	\$ 109,830.00	\$112,445.00	\$115,060.00	\$117,675.00	\$120,290.00
Researcher IV	Senior Research Staff	\$ 120,290.00	\$ 128,135.00	\$ 135,980.00	PhD or Equiv*	PhD* + 10 years	11-12 years	13-14 years	15-16 years	17-18 years	19-20 years	21-22 years	23-24 years	25+ years
						\$ 120,290.00	\$122,251.25	\$124,212.50	\$126,173.75	\$ 128,135.00	\$130,096.25	\$132,057.50	\$134,018.75	\$135,980.00
Researcher V	Managing Director	\$ 120,290.00	\$ 138,595.00	\$ 156,900.00	PhD or Equiv*	PhD* + 7 years	6 years	7 years	10-11 years	12-13 years	14-15	16-17 years	18-19 years	20+ years
						\$ 120,290.00	\$124,866.25	\$129,442.50	\$134,018.75	\$ 138,595.00	\$143,171.25	\$147,747.50	\$152,323.75	\$156,900.00
Researcher VI	VP (Research)	\$ 156,900.00	\$ 175,205.00	\$ 193,510.00	PhD or Equiv*	PhD* + 10 Years	11 years	12 years	13-14 years	15-16 years	17-18 years	19-20 years	21-22 years	23+ years
						\$ 156,900.00	\$161,476.25	\$166,052.50	\$170,628.75	\$ 175,205.00	\$179,781.25	\$184,357.50	\$188,933.75	\$193,510.00
Admin III	Senior Manager/ Associate Director	\$ 75,312.00	\$ 91,002.00	\$ 106,692.00	Masters or Equiv*	Master's* + 3 years	4 years	5 years	6-7 years	8-9 years	10-11 years	12-13 years	14-15 years	16+ years
						\$ 75,312.00	\$ 79,234.50	\$ 83,157.00	\$ 87,079.50	\$ 91,002.00	\$ 94,924.50	\$ 98,847.00	\$102,769.50	\$106,692.00
Admin IV	Operations Director	\$ 106,692.00	\$ 116,106.00	\$ 125,520.00	Masters or Equiv*	Master's* + 10 years	11 years	12 years	13-14 years	15-16 years	17-18 years	19-20 years	21-22 years	23+ years
						\$ 106,692.00	\$109,045.50	\$111,399.00	\$113,752.50	\$ 116,106.00	\$118,459.50	\$120,813.00	\$123,166.50	\$125,520.00
Admin V	VP (Operations)	\$ 156,900.00	\$ 169,975.00	\$ 183,050.00	Masters or Equiv*	Master's* + 10 years	11 years	12 years	13-14 years	15-16 years	17-18 years	19-20 years	21-22 years	23+ years
						\$ 156,900.00	\$160,168.75	\$163,437.50	\$166,706.25	\$ 169,975.00	\$173,243.75	\$176,512.50	\$179,781.25	\$183,050.00
Policy III	Senior Policy Analyst	\$ 78,450.00	\$ 88,910.00	\$ 99,370.00	Masters or Equiv*	Master's* + 5 years	6 years	7 years	8-9 years	10-11 years	12-13 years	14-15 years	16-17 years	18+ years
						\$ 78,450.00	\$ 81,065.00	\$ 83,680.00	\$ 86,295.00	\$ 88,910.00	\$ 91,525.00	\$ 94,140.00	\$ 96,755.00	\$ 99,370.00
Policy IV	Policy Director	\$ 109,830.00	\$ 120,290.00	\$ 130,750.00	Masters or Equiv*	Master's* + 10 years	11 years	12 years	13-14 years	15-16 years	17-18 years	19-20 years	21-22 years	23+ years
						\$ 109,830.00	\$112,445.00	\$115,060.00	\$117,675.00	\$ 120,290.00	\$122,905.00	\$125,520.00	\$128,135.00	\$130,750.00
Admin VI	Senior Vice President/ C-Suite	\$ 183,050.00	\$ 201,355.00	\$ 219,660.00	PhD	PhD* + 10 Years	11 years	12 years	13-14 years	15-16 years	17-18 years	19-20 years	21-22 years	23+ years

IWPR ROLE AND FUNCTION SCHEME: ADMINISTRATIVE

	Administrative VII	Administrative VI	Administrative V	Administrative IV	Administrative III	Administrative II	Administrative I
POSITION/TITLE	President/CEO	COO	Vice President (Operations/Administrative)	Operations Director	Senior Manager/Associate Director	Specialist/Manager	Assistant/Associate
Fundraising Responsibility	High	Low					
Supervision Responsibility	High	High	High	Moderate to Low	Low to Moderate	Low to None	Low to None
Strategy and Vision	High	High	High	Moderate to High	Moderate	Low	Low
Produce Reports related to Duties and Responsibilities	High	High	High	High	High	High	Moderate
Project/Program Management	High	High	High	High	Moderate to High	High	Moderate
Fundraising Responsibility	High	Low	High	Moderate to Low	Low	None	None
Media and Communications	High	Low	High	Low	Low	None	None
Policy Analysis and Awareness	High	Low	High	Low	Low	Low	Low
Financial Management and Oversight	Moderate	High	High to Moderate	Moderate to High	Moderate to Low	Low	Low
Operations Management	Low to Moderate	Very High	Low to Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Networks and Partnership Building	High	Low	High	Moderate	Low	Low	Low
Engagement with Board of Directors	High	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low
Education	PhD Preferred	PhD Preferred or advanced degree	Masters or Equivalent experience	Masters or Equivalent experience	Masters or Equivalent Experience	Bachelors or Equivalent	Bachelors or Equivalent
Minimum Experience Level	10+	10+	10+	10+	5+	2+	0+

IWPR ROLE AND FUNCTION SCHEME: RESEARCH

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	Researcher VI	Researcher V	Researcher IV	Researcher III	Researcher II	Researcher I
POSITION/TITLE	Vice President of Research and Policy	Managing Director	“Senior Research Staff, Senior Fellow, Chief Data Analyst”	Study Director / Senior Research Associate / Fellow/ Assoc Dir.	Research Associate	Research Assistant
Scope of Responsibility	“Department wide scope, member of Executive Team”	Program Area	Position Specific	Project/Area - owning discrete projects and supporting program area with senior staff capacity (Study Dir & Assoc Dir increasingly more)		
Fundraising Responsibility	Very High (Responsible for overseeing fundraising for department and reaching/exceeding fundraising goals)	High (responsible for reaching fundraising goals for program area)	“Moderate (responsible for meeting fundraising with support from seniors leaders, development staff)”	Low to Moderate (responsible for Fundraising \$100K annually with support from Senior Level Staff)	Low	None
Supervision Responsibility	High (2nd level supervision)	High (1st level supervision)	Low to Moderate	Low to Moderate	Low	None
Strategy and Vision	High (responsible for setting strategy for department)	High (sets the strategy and vision for respective program area)	High	Moderate	Low	None
Produce Research Reports and Briefs (independently)	Managing / Process Owner / Capable of oversight	“High (Direct authorship, overseeing research and writing by other staff on team)”	“High (direct authorship, overseeing research and writing by other staff members)”	High (direct authorship and analysis)	Moderate	None
Project/Program Management	High (Oversight of all research program areas)	High (managing multiple projects/ grants or a large project grant)	High (managing multiple projects/ grants or a large project grant)	High	Moderate	Low to Moderate
Funder and Donor Relations	High	High	Moderate to High	Low to Moderate	Low	None
Issue Area Expertise	High	High	High	Moderate to High	Low to Moderate	Low
Networks and Partnership Building	High	High	Moderate to High	Moderate to High	Low to Moderate	None
Engagement with Board of Directors	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low to Moderate	Low	None
Media and Communications	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low to Moderate	Low to Moderate	None
Policy Analysis and Awareness	High	High	High	Moderate	Low to Moderate	Low to Moderate
Education	“PhD preferred, but not required/ Masters Required”	“PhD preferred, but not required / Masters Required”	“PhD preferred, but not required / Masters Required”	“PhD preferred, but not required / Masters Required”	M.A. Required	B.A. required
Minimum Experience Level	“PhD plus 10, Masters + 15”	“PhD plus 7, Master’s + 12”	“PhD plus 10, Master’s degree + 15”	“PhD + 0 or MA + 5 for IIIa, PhD + 3 or MA + 8 for IIIb or IIIc”	None beyond Master’s or equivalent	None beyond Bachelors’ or equivalent