

Is Accounting Academia Still a Good Career Option for CPAs? An Updated Perspective

Table 1. Sample Accounting Professor/Lecturer Salaries

University	Rank	Research Expectations	Classes Per Year	9-Month Salaries
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	Assistant Professor	High	2-3	\$249,000
	Associate Professor	High	2-3	\$263,000
	Professor	High	2-3	\$348,800
	Lecturer/Lecturer/Clinical Professor	None	6-8	\$206,401
University of Washington	Assistant Professor	High	2-3	\$313,700
	Associate Professor	High	2-3	\$344,400
	Professor	High	2-3	\$404,500
	Lecturer/Lecturer/Clinical Professor	None	6-8	\$145,200
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Assistant Professor	High	2-3	\$238,904
	Associate Professor	High	2-3	\$253,681
	Professor	High	2-3	\$345,000
	Lecturer/Lecturer/Clinical Professor	None	6-8	\$156,269
University of Michigan - Dearborn	Assistant Professor	Medium	4	\$153,396
	Associate Professor	Medium	4	\$172,717
	Professor	Medium	4	\$191,751
	Lecturer/Lecturer/Clinical Professor	None	6-8	\$115,861
Oakland University	Assistant Professor	Medium	4-5	\$147,900
	Associate Professor	Medium	4-5	\$151,858
	Professor	Medium	4-5	\$174,844
	Lecturer/Lecturer/Clinical Professor	None	4-5	\$100,593

Sources:

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor <https://www.umsalary.info/>

University of Washington: <https://openpayrolls.com/>

University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign: <https://salarysearch.ibhe.org/search.aspx>

University of Michigan - Dearborn: <https://www.umsalary.info/>

Oakland University: [https://www.oakland.edu/Assets/Oakland/Transparency/2022-23/Sec%20245\(2\)\(d\)%20FY2023.pdf](https://www.oakland.edu/Assets/Oakland/Transparency/2022-23/Sec%20245(2)(d)%20FY2023.pdf)

Table 2: Average Total Compensation of Accounting Firm Partners by Experience

5-9 years	\$141,000
10-19 years	\$178,000
20+ years	\$201,000

Source: https://www.payscale.com/research/US/Job=Partner_-_Accounting_Firm/Salary. These figures represent averages across firm sizes and may vary significantly depending on firm size, with partners at larger firms typically earning considerably more than those at smaller firms.