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The average salary between 2019-20 for physics grads was reported as $80,167 with a median signing bonus of $10,000.

I am delighted to have a physics degree and am extremely pleased that it comes from the U of I! I am grateful to all the teachers, staff, students, etc., that have helped me get to where I am today.

- Clara Stelsel

Physics Graduate