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Salaries: The Greatest Hits A Compensation Anthology for Creative Teams

> For there's musicians. nothing worse than being labeled a one-hit wonder – and the same goes for those in the creative industry. Achieving platinum-status success, whether you're a manager at a large corporation, ad agency or boutique firm, requires assembling strong teams that can build brands, create communities and leave a lasting, positive impression with target audiences.

The Creative Group 2011 Salary Guide is designed to provide timely information on hiring trends and compensation levels to help you make the most informed staffing choices for your business. For more information on how we can help you with your creative staffing needs, please contact the office nearest you by calling (888) 846-1668 or visit us at creativegroup.com.

Album Notes

To help companies better gauge industry compensation levels, *The Creative Group 2011 Salary Guide* features projected starting salaries for more than 100 creative, interactive, marketing and public relations positions. Also included is information on the current talent market and advice to assist business owners and managers in the hiring process. The content is derived from a wide range of sources, including:

- The thousands of freelance and full-time placements we make each year
- Local insights from our staffing and recruiting teams throughout our branch network

- Our surveys of advertising and marketing executives throughout North America
- An analysis of the hiring environment and an extrapolation of current trends into 2011

For years, educational institutions, local and national media outlets, and research entities such as the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics have consulted our annual *Salary Guide* for the most comprehensive information on hiring and compensation. We hope this resource will be useful in your recruitment efforts.

About the Salaries

In each job category, the salary ranges listed represent starting compensation only, because hard-to-measure factors such as seniority and job performance can affect ongoing pay. Bonuses, incentives and other benefits are not taken into account.

The figures in the *Salary Guide* are national averages. To adjust them to your local market, please see Page 5. A representative from The Creative Group can offer additional assistance in creating compensation packages that are customized to your organization. To ensure our salary data and other information are current, we publish a new guide every year. In addition, we feature hiring and employment trends at our Salary Center (creativegroup.com/ salarycenter), where you also will find our Salary Calculator and a list of job descriptions.

Finding the Best Artists for Your Label

Understanding hiring trends in your market can help you recruit the best talent. Following are some industry trends that are influencing the demand for creative and communications professionals. Maximizing social media – In addition to engaging clients and customers via social networking platforms, firms are placing more emphasis on measuring the success of their efforts. Often, they are creating full-time roles for people who can manage and coordinate all aspects of their social media programs, including tracking and quantifying the results of social media initiatives. Other "metric-centric" roles, including search engine optimization/search engine marketing (SEO/SEM) specialists and web analytics specialists, also are in demand as companies focus more heavily on marketing initiatives that yield measurable results.

- Moving to mobile With the advent of Apple's iPad and iPhone, and other new smartphone models, companies are scrambling to push out mobile applications and advertising. In fact, eMarketer estimates the U.S. mobile advertising budget will triple to \$1.56 billion by 2013. Mobile strategists who can help define, build and oversee all aspects of mobile development and campaigns will be highly sought in the coming year.
- Seeking diverse skill sets Although companies are gradually getting the green light to hire, they are still looking to maximize their budget dollars. In many cases, and particularly when hiring for

full-time positions, they seek candidates with a range of skills and experience who can offer expertise outside of their specialty.

 Using freelancers to fill gaps – Agencies and in-house creative departments are turning to project professionals to help access specialized skills and manage increased workloads. If managers determine a need is ongoing, they often extend full-time offers to freelancers who have proved successful in their roles.

Percentage of advertising and marketing executives who said it is challenging for their agency/firm to find skilled advertising/marketing professionals:

August 2010

54%

May 2010

Source: The Creative Group surveys of 500 U.S. advertising and marketing executives

45%

Chart Toppers of 2011: 9 Positions in Demand

What are the hottest roles within the creative industry? Following are nine positions, and most-requested skills, that currently top employers' lists.

- User experience (UX) designer
 Demonstrated expertise in Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop and Visio; strong understanding of web development technologies (CSS, Flex, HTML, JavaScript and XHTML)
- Interactive project manager

Knowledge of web protocols (database structure, HTML, JavaScript, web publishing and XML); experience with Excel, Project and Visio is preferred; five or more years of experience managing web-based projects and a proven track record of interactive project delivery Interactive marketing manager

Experience with database-driven websites and viral, social and word-of-mouth acquisition programs (Eloqua); deep understanding of online consumer businesses (user acquisition, funnel analysis and consumer life cycle) and business reporting tools

SEO/SEM specialist

Expertise with web analytics tools (Alexa, comScore, Google Analytics, Omniture and Webtrends) and web technology implementation; applied analytics sensibility with proven ability to make profitable decisions from data; five or more years of marketing or related experience Web analytics manager

Experience managing web analytics tools (Alexa, comScore, Google Analytics, Omniture and Webtrends) and superior analytical ability; three or more years of experience with web technologies and marketing analytics preferred

Mobile apps designer/developer

Strong knowledge of Objective-C or extensive C++ experience; understanding of object-oriented and model-view-controller (MVC) patterns and best practices; Android, J2ME and LAMP skills a plus; three or more years of web and interactive design experience

Web designer/developer

Web-page and design software skills (Dreamweaver, Fireworks,

Flash, Flex, Illustrator, Image-Ready, InDesign, Photoshop and WYSIWYG editors); familiarity with web protocols (Action-Script, CSS, HTML, JavaScript, XHTML and XML); understanding of web design issues, including browser usability and cross-platform compatibility

Information architect

Strong knowledge of site design, user interface design processes and methodology, and architecture-related software (Acrobat, Axure, Dreamweaver, Illustrator, Photoshop, SQL Server and Visio)

Social media specialist

Three or more years of experience in advertising, marketing, public relations or a related field; solid understanding of the social media universe (blogs, Delicious, Digg, Facebook, Flickr, forums, reddit, StumbleUpon, Twitter, wikis and YouTube)

For additional information and job descriptions, please visit creativegroup.com/salarycenter.

Headliner: Average Starting Salaries

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INTERACTIVE	ເວພ	HIGH
Interactive Creative Director	\$ 90,000	\$145,000
Interactive Art Director	\$ 74,000	\$105,000
Interactive Designer (5+ years)	\$ 70,000	\$100,500
Interactive Designer (1 to 5 years)	\$ 46,500	\$ 73,500
Information Architect	\$ 75,500	\$112,500
User Experience (UX) Designer	\$ 67,500	\$ 98,000
Senior Web Designer (5+ years)	\$ 70,500	\$ 99,500
Web Designer (1 to 5 years)	\$ 48,500	\$ 73,750
Flash Designer	\$ 58,000	\$ 87,000
Flash Animator (5+ years)	\$ 66,500	\$ 94,000
Flash Animator (1 to 5 years)	\$ 48,250	\$ 71,000
Interactive Producer	\$ 64,000	\$ 89,000
Flash Developer	\$ 64,500	\$ 98,250
Web Developer	\$ 58,000	\$ 98,250
Web Production Artist	\$ 43,000	\$ 61,250
Web Content Writer (5+ years)	\$ 58,000	\$ 86,250
Web Content Writer (1 to 5 years)	\$ 43,000	\$ 63,250
Online Editor	\$ 48,000	\$ 67,500
Blogger	\$ 40,000	\$ 60,000
Podcaster	\$ 45,750	\$ 61,250
Video Producer	\$ 52,500	\$ 77,500
Social Media Designer	\$ 56,250	\$ 82,250
Mobile Apps Designer/Developer	\$ 73,250	\$102,500

ADVERTISING & MARKETING – AGENCY

Vice President – Media/Creative Director	\$104,500	\$175,500
Business Development Director	\$ 85,750	\$138,000
Account Director	\$ 82,500	\$108,500
Account Supervisor	\$ 67,250	\$ 89,500
Account Manager (5+ years)	\$ 57,500	\$ 80,250
Account Executive (3+ years)	\$ 46,500	\$ 64,500
Account Coordinator (1 to 3 years)	\$ 34,250	\$ 47,250

*Years of experience. For job descriptions, please visit creativegroup.com/salarycenter.

Tuning in to Salaries in Your Market

The salary ranges provided reflect national starting salaries for each position; however, these can be localized for your market using the following formula and the variance index numbers for select U.S. cities found on Page 8.** The average salary index for all U.S. cities is 100.

To determine the estimated salary for a position in your area, follow the process outlined on the right.

**Source: U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and The Creative Group. Note that city figures are reflective of all industries and are not specific to the creative and communications fields. The index figures should be used as a guide for determining actual compensation. A number of factors, including company size, employee benefits, the candidate's skill set and current market conditions, can impact starting salaries. For further assistance in refining salaries for your market, contact the nearest office of The Creative Group.



Advertising & Marketing – Corporate	ເວພ	HIGH
Vice President of Marketing	\$103,500	\$188,500
Marketing Director	\$ 80,750	\$125,250
Marketing Manager	\$ 58,750	\$ 88,250
Senior Marketing Specialist (5+ years)	\$ 58,000	\$ 78,750
Marketing Specialist (1 to 5 years)	\$ 41,500	\$ 58,500

ADVERTISING & MARKETING - AGENCY OR CORPORATE

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DIGITAL MARKETING/E-MARKETING	ເວພ	HIGH
Interactive Project Manager	\$ 61,000	\$ 98,000
Digital Strategist	\$ 75,500	\$117,000
Interactive Marketing Manager	\$ 74,500	\$111,500
Web Analytics Manager	\$ 68,750	\$ 91,000
Web Analytics Specialist	\$ 66,250	\$ 89,250
SEO/SEM Specialist	\$ 57,750	\$ 88,500
Interactive Traffic Manager	\$ 52,000	\$ 71,500
Online Copy Manager	\$ 59,000	\$ 76,250
Director of Social Media	\$ 80,000	\$108,750
Interactive Strategist/Social Media Analyst	\$ 70,250	\$ 93,750
Online Community Manager	\$ 57,000	\$ 72,000
Social Media Account Manager/Channel Manager	\$ 53,500	\$ 67,500
Social Media Coordinator	\$ 41,500	\$ 52,500
Social Media Planner	\$ 50,000	\$ 66,000
Social Media Product Manager	\$ 63,250	\$ 76,250
Social Media Specialist/Emerging Media Specialist	\$ 61,500	\$ 78,000
User Researcher	\$ 55,000	\$ 69,750

PUBLIC RELATIONS - AGENCY

Vice President/Group Director	\$106,500	\$184,000
Account Manager/Supervisor	\$ 71,500	\$102,000
Senior Account Executive (5+ years)	\$ 63,000	\$ 89,500
Account Executive (3 to 5 years)	\$ 48,000	\$ 65,750
Account Coordinator (1 to 3 years)	\$ 34,250	\$ 49,000

PUBLIC RELATIONS - CORPORATE

Vice President of Public Relations	\$107,500	\$180,000
Public Relations Director	\$ 83,500	\$119,000
Public Relations Manager	\$ 68,000	\$ 87,500
Senior Public Relations Specialist (5+ years)	\$ 57,250	\$ 80,000
Public Relations/Communications		
Specialist (1 to 5 years)	\$ 37,500	\$ 58,250

Calculating the Local Salary Range

Example: user experience (UX) designer in Minneapolis

- 1. Locate the position "user experience (UX) designer" on the chart, Page 5, and your city's index number on Page 8. (The index number for Minneapolis is 105.0.)
- **2.** Move the decimal point of the index number two places to the left (1.05).
- **3.** Multiply the low end of the national salary range (\$67,500) by the index number as a percentage in step two (1.05) to get \$70,875.
- **4.** Repeat step three using the high end of the salary range (\$98,000) to get \$102,900.
- **5.** The approximate starting salary range for a user experience (UX) designer in Minneapolis is \$70,875 to \$102,900.

Advertising and marketing executives were asked, "How willing would you be to negotiate a higher starting salary for a promising candidate?"



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Source: The Creative Group survey of 500 U.S. advertising and marketing executives

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Austin	102.0	
Dallas	105.0	
El Paso	70.0	
Fort Worth		
Houston	103.7	
Midland/Odessa	95.0	
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The Right Mix: A Flexible Approach to Meeting Business Demands

Selecting the right mix of songs can make or break an album. The same principle is true when assembling a strong creative team. Firms must have adequate headcount to meet tight deadlines and manage increasing workloads, but they also must avoid having too many employees on payroll. If the mix is off-balance, issues can arise. When understaffed, businesses risk missing out on opportunities for growth. And when overstaffed, they incur significant costs associated with hiring, training and retaining employees - not to mention the hardship of having to conduct layoffs when business is slow.

Firms are finding that augmenting full-time staff with freelancers provides greater protection from costly staffing mistakes, whether the economy is contracting or expanding. Using consultants also is fiscally responsible, as you only pay for the skills you need when you need them. In addition, many businesses find that freelancers make strong candidates for full-time positions, as they already have demonstrated their skills, work style and rapport with the rest of the team.

Visit our Salary Center (creative group.com/salarycenter) to read "5 Signs It's Time to Hire."

Turning Freelancers Into Rock Stars

It takes an entire crew – not just a stellar performer or band – to produce a successful record or pull off a crowd-pleasing show. In many cases, specialized technicians or stage managers are brought on board to make sure performances run smoothly and on time. Supplementing your team with freelance professionals can help ensure your projects stay on track, even during the busiest times. A little prep work on your part will help freelancers quickly get up to speed at your firm. Here are five essential tips for working with creative consultants:

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Create a welcoming workspace. Make sure the

Take them on a quick tour. Help freelancers acclimate by introducing them to everyone on the team, including administrative personnel. Also, explain your department's day-today workflow and provide a brief overview of policies and procedures. designated work areas are equipped with basic office supplies. Doublecheck that computers are in working order, with the necessary software and permissions to access relevant data. An hour spent with IT trying to get machines running is an hour freelancers are not performing the work they were brought in to do.

Keep them informed. Include consultants in all relevant meetings and e-mails concerning their projects. Don't forget to invite them to team-building activities and informal events, like afternoon coffee runs, too. **Promote open communication.** Assign a point person to answer any questions that may arise. Be sure to appoint secondary contacts who can address issues when the primary point person is unavailable.

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Check in. Conduct an early assessment of your freelancer's performance to ensure everything is going as planned. If you're working with a staffing firm, provide updates to your account manager on the freelancer's progress. This will help him or her ensure the consultant is available for as long as needed.

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The Leading Resource

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