Investigative

People with Investigative interests have a strong scientific, inquiring orientation. They enjoy gathering information, uncovering new facts or theories, and analyzing and interpreting data. They are most comfortable in academic or research environments and pursue advanced degrees. They dislike selling and repetitive activities. (source: Strong Interest Inventory Manual)

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<td>- Analyzing and interpreting data and information</td>
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<td>- Solving problems independently</td>
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<td>- Uncovering new facts</td>
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Would you rather avoid…
- Highly structured environments
- Selling or promoting products
- Repetition
- Conforming to the values and attitudes of those around you

Do you tend to be…
- Analytical
- Intellectual
- Precise
- Independent
- Self-motivated
- Curious
- Nonconforming
- Intropective
- Reserved
- Problem Focused
- Insightful
- Critical
- Rational
- Logical
- Inquisitive
- Skilled in science, math, and/or writing
- Task-oriented
- Confident of scholarly and intellectual abilities
- Original/creative
- Nonconformist (values and attitudes)
- Skeptical
- Complex
- Insightful

Do you value…
- Scientific Arguments
- Logic
- Development and acquisition of knowledge
- Problem solving using intellect
- Independence
- Figuring "it" out
- Learning through experimentation
- Originality
- Abstract mental challenges
- Intelligence
- Academic achievement

Industries/Career Fields to Explore
Medical/Health Services
Technology
Science
Engineering and Design
Higher Education/Academia
Research and Development
Mental Health Services
Protective Services (ie detective)

Famous “Investigative” People
Madame Curie
Albert Einstein
George Washington Carver
Jane Goodall
Sigmund Freud
Condoleezza Rice

Job & Internship Titles to Consider
Biologist
Psychologist
Psychiatrist
Physicist
Crime Scene Investigator
Detective
Computer Programmer
Doctor/Physician
Engineer
Pharmacist
Dietician
Mathematician
Math or Science Teacher
Geologist
Laboratory Assistant/Technician
Medical Technician
Chiropractor
Computer Scientist
Veterinarian
Dentist
Optometrist

Research and development manager
Respiratory therapist
University professor
Environmental Scientist
Economist
Surgeon
Sociologist
Management Analyst
I/O Psychologist
Microbiologist
Statistician
Zoologist
Faculty member (university or college)
Pathologist
Geographer
Meteorologist
Radiologist
Anesthesiologist
Nurse Practitioner