Input

People who are especially talented in the Input theme have a craving to know more. Often they like to collect and archive all kinds of information.

I am (being) \( \rightarrow \) utilitarian resource collector

I will (doing) \( \rightarrow \) hang on to things that could be helpful resources for others

I bring (contribution) \( \rightarrow \) tangible tools that can facilitate growth and performance

I need (requirement) \( \rightarrow \) space to store the resources I naturally acquire

I love (value) \( \rightarrow \) to provide relevant and tangible help

I hate (value) \( \rightarrow \) not having things that would be useful to others

Metaphor/Image \( \rightarrow \) sponge – absorbent (input) dispenser (output)

Barrier Label \( \rightarrow \) packrat with too much lying around

**Theme Contrast**

**Input:** I love to collect things that are potentially helpful

**Learner:** I love the process of learning

**Input:** I help people by sharing tangible tools I have acquired

**Ideation:** I help people by sharing creative ideas I have conceived

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### Career Development Tips

- Collect as much information as you can about the careers that interest you. Go online, read books, collect all the brochures at the career center and at career fairs. The more information you gather, the better your decision will be.

- Go to your college’s Career Services office and take several different career inventories. What does each one tell you about your interests? What career possibilities do they suggest you to explore?

- Environments that give you the freedom to pursue threads of information and that focus on informed decision-making are likely to bring out your best.

- You probably will enjoy a career in which you are always on the cutting edge of knowledge and you can gather and share valuable pieces of relevant information.

- Choose jobs that require you to be an expert collector and consumer of research. This type of environment will energize you.

- Conduct an Informational Interview with media specialists, librarians, archivists, writers, information technologists, and others who work with large amounts of information on a daily basis. What do they find most rewarding about their work?

### General Academic Life Tips

- Save all notes and books from previous classes to create a personal library.

- Schedule time for seeking information that goes beyond what is required for your classes. The library and the Internet will be valuable in your search.

- You enjoy gathering information, possible even from reading a dictionary or encyclopedia.

- Start a filing system for interesting and potentially useful articles you have read.

### Extracurricular Activities

- Join groups in which you can use your knowledge, such as community discussion groups, book clubs, and pre-law society mock trial groups. Visit the U of M’s Student Unions & Activities page to learn more about the student groups that are available to you.

- Become involved in extracurricular activities that further your learning, such as science clubs, language clubs, or literary organizations.

- Study about fascinating places to travel. Gather information, and go! Visit the Learning Abroad Center to get more information about visiting these places.

- Participate in research to learn about all the exciting work being done at the U.

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