Investment Analyst

**Industry Demand of Investment Analyst**

The typical employers of investment analysts are:

* Investment banks
* Investment management companies
* Stockbrokers
* Private equity firms
* Life assurance companies
* Large charities
* Banks, particularly in wealth management

There are two common categories:

1. Buy-Side: Mutual funds and advisory firms appoint buy-side analysts to identify investment opportunities in the market.
2. Sell-Side: Investment banks and research firms appoint sell-side analysts to understand risk and investment related to investment and generate reports on specific companies.

**Salary (Range)**

* Entry Level Salary in the United States: $49,000/year
* Mid Level Salary in the United States: $104,000/year
* Entry Level Salary in Indonesia: Rp 84,000,000/year
* Mid Level Salary in Indonesia: Rp 240,000,000/year

**Core Tasks**

* Research regarding the company’s performance particularly in terms of their financial functioning, its significance and status
* Present analysis on company financials like Profit and loss account, balance sheet and cash flow statement
* Generate reports after analysis of financial data
* Meeting with company management, fund managers and brokers
* Analyze economic factors affecting the company’s operations and overall business
* Make recommendations with regards to what assets to invest in and what assets not to invest in based on reports generated

**Working Conditions**

* Based in office, but many travel frequently to meet with the management of the companies they are researching, fund managers or stockbrokers
* Spend a large portion of office hours meeting people or speaking on the telephone, which leaves their analysis and research work for evenings and weekends

**Skills Required**

* Analytical and problem-solving skills
* An interest in the current affairs
* Investment strategies
* Risk management
* Basic IT skills (MS Excel, MS Powerpoint, VBA, SQL, etc.)
* Teamwork
* Communication skills

**Career progression data**

* Earn a bachelor’s degree in a related field and start out as junior analyst
* Get certifications (optional) - CFA, CPA, CIMA
* After several years, earn a master’s degree (in finance or MBA) and become a senior analyst (can be entry as well)
* Perform well and become a portfolio manager

**Possible University Major**

* Finance
* Business
* Accounting
* Statistics
* Economics

**School subjects required**

* Accounting
* Business
* Economics
* Probability and Statistics