



From Observer to Investigator: Growing in the SMI Network

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SMI is built as a facility you move through, not a feed you scroll. The path from newcomer to trusted investigator is deliberate: free learning first, practiced skills second, community standing third. This brief maps the route so you always know your next step.

THE STAGES

» Observer — free, forever

The Academy's pathways, the Intelligence Archive, playable drills, and Case Files. No signup for most of it; learn the fundamentals of AI and synthetic media at your own pace.

» Practitioner

Run the simulations — the Field Office game teaches agent oversight and calibrated judgment; Bot Lab lessons convert study into applied skill. Here knowledge becomes reflex.

» Network member

Join the Creator Network: pick designations, share prompts and workflows, and build reputation through accurate, cited contributions. Early joiners carry the permanent Founding mark.

» Analyst & Investigator clearances

Paid tiers unlock advanced modules, private case files, and the playground — for members turning literacy into professional capability.

HOW REPUTATION COMPOUNDS HERE

Standing in the Network is earned the slow way: verified claims, useful workflows, honest uncertainty, visible corrections. Designations describe what you do; verification confirms the roles that carry weight; reputation records how you've done it. None of it can be bought, which is precisely what makes it worth having.

YOUR NEXT STEP

If you're reading this, you're already in the Archive. Take one pathway in the Academy, play one drill, then claim your spot in the Network while the founding cohort is still forming. Bring one verified, useful contribution — that's how every trusted investigator here started.

INVESTIGATOR'S TAKEAWAYS

- Learning is free at Observer tier — start without friction.
- Simulations turn knowledge into practiced judgment.
- Network reputation is earned through accuracy, not activity.
- Founding members carry a permanent mark — the cohort is forming now.
- One pathway, one drill, one contribution: the whole on-ramp.