

How it works:

During a one-week Summer Camp, 30 selected postgraduate students will attend in-depth presentations about the pharmaceutical industry. Participants will work in small teams to generate an innovative idea that addresses a scientific challenge and develop the idea into a business plan. Teams will receive coaching and guidance from Merck managers and scientists, and experienced retirees. The teams will present their business plans to a grand jury composed of Merck top management plus external experts. The jury will select the best business plan and present the winning team with the Innovation Cup award and a cash prize of EUR 20,000 plus EUR 5,000 for the runner-up. Options to implement the best business plans will be evaluated. At the last day of the Summer Camp, a conference with alumni from previous editions of the Innovation Cup will be organized.

Further information:

Further information about the program and how to apply are available online:

innovationcup.merckgroup.com

If selected, you will be invited to sign the participants' agreement and attend the Innovation Summer Camp near Frankfurt, Germany on June 23–29 2019. Travel, accommodation, and food expenses will be paid by Merck.

About Merck

Merck is a leading science and technology company in healthcare, life science, and performance materials. Around 50,000 employees work to further develop technologies that improve and enhance life – from biopharmaceutical therapies to treat cancer or multiple sclerosis, via cutting-edge systems for scientific research and production, to liquid crystals for smartphones and LCD televisions. In 2017, Merck generated sales of EUR 15.3 billion in 66 countries.

Founded in 1668, Merck is the world's oldest pharmaceutical and chemical company. The founding family remains the majority owner of the publicly listed corporate group. The company holds the global rights to the Merck name and brand. The only exceptions are the United States and Canada, where the company operates as EMD Serono, MilliporeSigma, and EMD Performance Materials.

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The Innovation Cup is bringing together a promising new generation of academic talents from the natural sciences, computer sciences, and business administration with Merck senior management, active researchers, and accomplished retirees. This meeting of the minds is a creative and innovative platform aimed at advancing science and technology. The 2019 Biopharma Innovation Cup will comprise teams working on these topics: oncology, immuno-oncology, autoimmunity, small molecule drug discovery, protein engineering and screening, digitization.

Apply now!

Online application:

1 November 2018 through 31 January 2019

Summer Camp:

23–29 June 2019

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What's in it for me?

If you are a postgraduate student with an interest in the pharmaceutical industry, the Innovation Cup will be your chance to gain in-depth knowledge about research and development, to network with top students from around the world, and to build a business case together with experienced professionals. At the last day of the Summer Camp, a conference with alumni from previous editions of the Innovation Cup will be organized.

A EUR 20,000 prize will be awarded to the team that presents the most convincing business plan, plus EUR 5,000 for the runner-up. The Innovation Cup 2019 will take place near Frankfurt, Germany (23–29 June 2019). Travel, accommodation, and food expenses will be paid by Merck.



Who can apply:

Merck invites advanced students in natural sciences, computer sciences, and business administration from all over the world to apply for participation in the Innovation Cup. 30 students will be selected:

- **Sciences:** Postgraduate students in natural sciences on their way towards a PhD or working as a postdoc in biology, chemistry, physics, medicine, biotech, bioinformatics, biochemistry, pharmacy, informatics, computer science, data science, engineering, or related fields
- **Business:** Advanced MBA students or recent MBA graduates with an interest in the pharmaceutical business

What to expect:

During the one-week Summer Camp, participants will work together in small teams to:

- Learn the essentials about R&D within the pharmaceutical industry
- Understand how products are successfully discovered, developed, and brought to market
- Get to know Merck and learn about career options
- Work as part of a team to generate new ideas in the fields of: oncology, immuno-oncology, autoimmunity, small molecule drug discovery, protein engineering and screening, digitization
- Evaluate your ideas from a technical and business perspective and build a convincing business plan