# Great minds come together at Merck

## What's in it for me?

If you are a post graduate student with an interest in the pharmaceutical, chemical or digital industry, the Merck Innovation Cup is 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. Selected top performing participants could get an offer for a permanent employment at Merck.

## Who can apply:

Advanced students and post docs in the fields of life science, material science, data science and business administration from all over the world can apply:
 Sciences: Post graduate students on their way towards a PhD in biology, medicine, biotech, bioinformatics, data sciences, biochemistry, chemistry, pharmacy, physics or engineering.
 Business: Advanced MBA students or recent MBA graduates with an interest in the pharmaceutical, chemical or digital business.
Not open to healthcare professionals.

## How it works:

During a one-week Summer Camp, 30 selected students will attend in-depth presentations about the pharmaceutical and chemical industry given by Merck researchers and managers. The participants will be divided into teams, work together to develop a business plan and present it to a grand jury, who will award the Merck Innovation Cup for the best plan along with 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. A conference with alumni of previous Innovation Cup editions will be held on the first day of the Summer Camp.

The Innovation Cup will comprise the following team topics: oncology, immuno-oncology, autoimmunity, drug discovery technologies, digitalization, pandemic threat. Further information about the program and how to apply online from November 1, 2020 until January 31, 2021: http://innovationcup.merckgroup.com

## Location:

Near Frankfurt, Germany, June 26 – July 02, 2021. Travel, accommodation and food expenses will be paid by Merck.