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Combining bright young talent with proven industry experience

The Merck Innovation Cup is your chance to gain in-depth knowledge about pharmaceutical research and development, to network with top students from around the world, to build a business case together with experienced professionals and win the 20.000€ prize with your team (plus 5.000€ for the runner-up).

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Merck innovation cup

ALWAYS HAD AN INNOVATIVE MIND?
MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN
GREAT MINDS COME TOGETHER

Fostering Innovation: Combining bright young talent with proven industry experience

Every year we invite advanced students in the fields of life-science and business administration from all over the world to apply for participation in the Innovation Cup. This initiative is designed to support the professional development of post-graduate students interested in a career in the pharmaceutical industry and to foster innovation from a promising new generation of academic talent.

The Innovation Cup brings together a promising new generation of talents in a meeting of the minds with senior management, active researchers and accomplished retirees of our biopharmaceuticals division.

Process details:

Invited for application are post-graduate students in the life sciences field on their way towards a PhD in biology, medicine, biotech, bioinformatics, biochemistry, pharmacy, engineering or related fields as well as advanced MBA students or recent MBA graduates with an interest in the pharmaceutical business and a background in life sciences, also postdocs can apply.

This program is not open to U.S. healthcare professionals.

THE BEST TEAM WINS THE
Merck Innovation Cup AND 20,000 €

30 students will be selected. During a week-long Innovation Summer Camp, participants will work together in small teams in a highly stimulating and competitive environment to:

- learn the essentials about research & development within the pharmaceutical industry
- understand how drugs are successfully discovered, developed and brought to market
- get to know our biopharmaceuticals division and learn about career options
- work as part of a team to generate new ideas in the areas Oncology, Immuno-Oncology, Autoimmune Diseases, Chemo- and Bioengineering, Innovations for Emerging Markets and Global Health
- evaluate the ideas from a technical and business perspective and build a convincing business plan

The jury, consisting of senior Merck managers and external experts, will select the best business plan and present the winning team with the Merck Innovation Cup award and EUR 20,000 (EUR 5,000 to the runner-up).

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INNOVATION CUP 2016

APPLICATION PHASE

Deadline: January 31st, 2016

SUMMER CAMP

July 3rd – July 8th, 2016



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Press Release



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The Oncology Team has won the Innovation Cup 2015 (20k€), the Team Innovations for emerging markets was the runner-up (5k€). The winner team of the 2015 Innovation Cup (f.i.t.r.): Francis Hunter (University of Auckland), Wang Shan (Tsinghua University), Jia Lin (Tsinghua University), Kshitij Srivastava (German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), Heidelberg), (Belen Garijo – member of the Merck board handing over the award), Sotirios Sotiriou (University of Geneva), Oliver Thorn-Seshold (LMU München), Arne Sutter (coach). The Oncology Team worked out a new innovative hypoxia activated prodrug approach for the treatment of cancer.

