



INNOVATION CUP 2024

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What's in it for me?

If you are a post graduate student with an interest in the pharmaceutical, chemical or digital industry, the 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. All participants will also get a free ticket for the Curious2024 - Future Insight™ conference (www.curiousfutureinsight.org).

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, 42 selected students will attend in-depth presentations about the pharmaceutical and chemical industry given by researchers and managers of Merck and its affiliates. 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 Innovation Cup for the best plan along with a cash prize of EUR 20,000 plus EUR 5,000 and EUR 3,000 for the runner-ups. 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 2024 will comprise the following team topics: oncology, neuroscience & immunology, medicinal chemistry, synthetic biology, digital health, smart manufacturing and neuromorphic computing. Further information about the program and how to apply online from November 1, 2023 until January 31, 2024: <http://innovationcup.merckgroup.com>

Location:

Near Frankfurt am Main, Germany, July 20 – 26, 2024. Travel, accommodation and food expenses will be paid by Merck.

