What's in it for me?
If you are a post-graduate student with an interest in the pharmaceutical industry, the Biopharma Innovation Cup is your chance to gain in-depth knowledge about pharmaceutical research and development, to network with top students from around the world and build a business case together with experienced professionals.

Who can apply:
Advanced students and post-docs in the fields of life-sciences, 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 science, biochemistry, chemistry, pharmacy or engineering.
- Business: Advanced MBA students or recent MBA graduates with an interest in the pharmaceutical business and a life science background.

How it works:
During a one week summer camp, 30 selected students will attend in-depth presentations about the pharmaceutical industry given by Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany management and external experts. 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 best plan with the Biopharma Innovation Cup and a cash prize of EUR 20,000 plus EUR 5,000 for the runner-up. At the last day of the summer camp a conference with alumni of previous Innovation Cup editions will be organized.

The Innovation Cup will comprise the following teams: Oncology, Immuno-Oncology, Autoimmunity, Small Molecule Drug Discovery, Protein Engineering, and Screening, Digitalization. Further information about the program and how to apply online from November 1st 2018 until January 31st 2019: http://innovationcup.emdgroup.com

Location:
Near Frankfurt, Germany, June 23–29, 2019. Travel, accommodation and food expenses will be paid by Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany.

Not open to U.S. healthcare professionals.