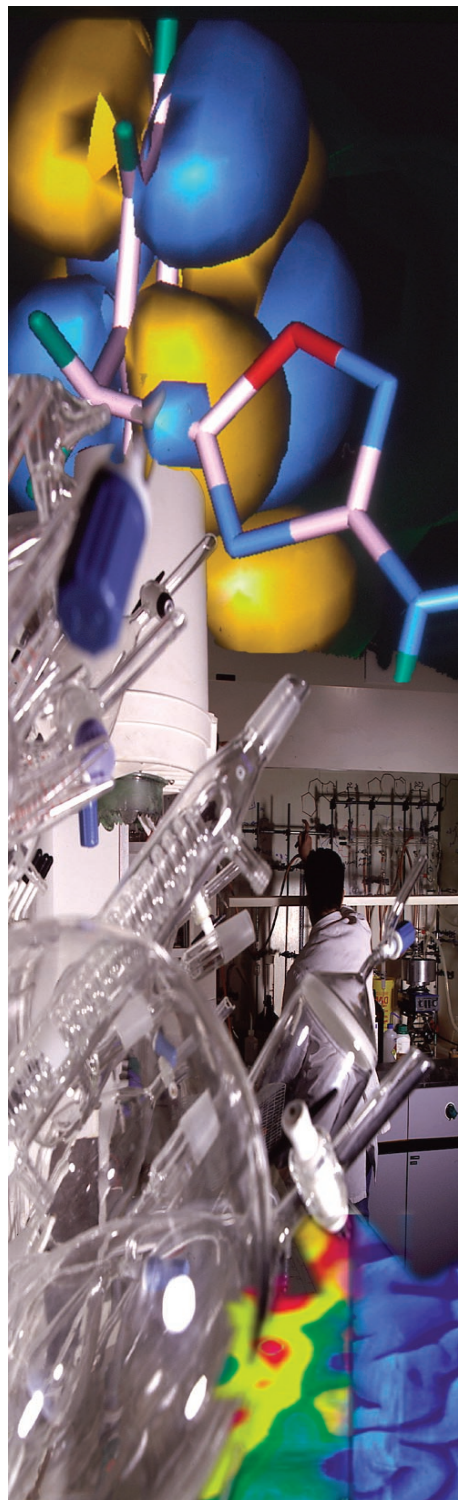


This advert refers to the competition first run in 2005 but this is a regular opportunity that may be of interest to potential PD researchers. MSD advertise such positions each year about May.

# Merck Sharp & Dohme Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Synthetic Organic Chemistry 2005



The development of new medicines requires a combination of innovative thinking, technical excellence and strong scientific collaboration. In recognition of the central role of organic synthesis in drug discovery, we have established a Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme to support students from Europe who wish to carry out further research in the field of Synthetic Organic Chemistry.

Applicants may be from any European country, with strong encouragement given for fellows to carry out their research abroad. It is anticipated that each award will be for a period of up to two years with a stipend of ~\$35,000 p.a. The awards will be administered jointly by two of Merck Sharp & Dohme's major European research centres: The Neuroscience Research Centre, U.K ([www.msd.nrc.co.uk](http://www.msd.nrc.co.uk)) and IRBM, Italy ([www.irbm.it](http://www.irbm.it)).

Applicants, who will likely be in the final year of their PhD, should submit a CV, a synopsis of their PhD research, a letter of recommendation from their PhD supervisor, a concise summary of their proposed postdoctoral research and a conditional letter of acceptance from their postdoctoral supervisor. Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of Merck scientists from the UK and Italy, and short-listed applicants will be invited for further discussions in early September. Awards will be available to support studies starting late 2005/early 2006.

Recipients of the 2004 MSD Fellowships were Drs. K. Ashton and D. J. Edmonds (postdoctoral studies with Prof. D. MacMillan at CalTech and Prof. K. C. Nicolaou at Scripps Research Institute, respectively).

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