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Novartis India announced the next edition of the Novartis Biotechnology Leadership Camp (BioCamp) taking place in Hyderabad from July 8-10, 2013. BioCamp is a pioneering seminar organized by Novartis that brings talented students from diverse faculties and different universities closer to the pharmaceutical industry.

Novartis has called for entries from Indian students to represent India at its global Biotechnology Leadership Camp (BioCamp) in Switzerland. BioCamp offers 50 top students the three days hands-on experience with the multifaceted world of pharmaceuticals and direct contact with experts in the field. It aims to bring talented masters, PhD and post-doctoral students from various faculties, closer to the pharmaceutical industry. Three winning students will get to participate in the International Novartis Biotechnology Leadership Camp taking place at Novartis global headquarters from August 25-28, 2013.

Mr Ranjit Shahani, vice chairman and managing director, Novartis India says, "BioCamp is a great platform for intelligent, young minds to interact with leaders in the pharmaceutical industry. This three-day seminar provides students the opportunity to look closer at the pharmaceutical industry and helps them make career choices. Healthcare is a challenging area in our country and BioCamp reflects the Novartis commitment to furthering the cause of healthcare."

BioCamp is open to post-graduate students and young researchers in natural sciences, medicine, biotechnology, bioinformatics, pharmacy, business administration or law (specialization in intellectual property rights) interested in pursuing a career in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry. Interested students should visit the Novartis website for further details. The last date for receiving applications is May 27, 2013.

Selected students will have the opportunity to learn from and network with leaders in the pharmaceutical and business sector as well as hone their team building skills. Since launching the BioCamp initiative in 2004, Novartis has introduced more than 500 top graduate students to the biotech industry and entrepreneurship. Besides regional events in various countries, global BioCamps have been held in Taiwan (2004), Singapore (2006), Tokyo (2007), Hong Kong (2008) and Cambridge, Massachusetts (2009) and since then in Basle, Switzerland.