

Symeres is one of the leading chemistry and drug discovery contract research organizations (CROs) in Europe, with over 500 scientists at six locations (Nijmegen, Weert, and Groningen in the Netherlands; Prague in the Czech Republic; Oulu in Finland; and Södertälje in Sweden). We provide a range of services to support small-molecule drug discovery and development projects for biopharmaceutical companies worldwide.

We have medicinal chemistry teams in both our Nijmegen and Groningen locations (previously called Mercachem and Syncom), currently totaling about 80 scientists. To grow the computational team in Nijmegen, we are currently looking for a skilled and enthusiastic

## Computational Chemist

### Drug Discovery – Full time

In this position, you will be involved in drug discovery projects on different target classes and disease areas – supporting both the Nijmegen and Groningen teams. You will apply computational methods, including structure-based drug design, homology modeling, QSAR, ligand/receptor docking, ligand-based design, scaffold hopping, and diversity/similarity analysis in the design of libraries or single compounds. Furthermore, you will interpret and use structural data, biological assay data, physicochemical data, pharmacological data, etc. in the design of biologically active molecules. Your key interactions are with medicinal chemists on the customer side and with medicinal/synthetic chemists internally.

For this position, we are looking for an enthusiastic, pleasant person who meets the following criteria:

### Required experience

- PhD in computational chemistry or related discipline
- Hands-on experience with ligand- and/or structure-based design
- Profound knowledge of computational and medicinal chemistry concepts
- Basic knowledge of synthetic organic chemistry

### Desired experience

- Postdoctoral work as a computational chemist in drug discovery, preferably in an industrial environment
- Ability to program, e.g., in Python and/or experience with KNIME
- Designing and handling (large) molecular libraries
- Knowledge of statistical methods
- Progressing compounds from hits through to lead and clinical candidates

### Motivation

- Enthusiasm for and interest in all methodological and technological aspects related to medicinal and computational chemistry
- Hard working, creative, flexible, confident, and reliable
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Customer and service oriented

### Job Offer

An exciting position in a dynamic organization with an attractive remuneration package and opportunities for learning and development.



## Application

Are you interested in this position? And do you meet the job requirements? Please send an email with your CV and motivation letter to our HR manager, Thea Scherpenborg, by email: [hrm.hrm@symeres.com](mailto:hrm.hrm@symeres.com). For substantive questions, please contact Anita Wegert (Director MedChem) at telephone number: +31243723300. More information about the Symeres organization can be found on our website: [www.symeres.com](http://www.symeres.com).

This vacancy is open for EU residents only.

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