# THE VERTEX FELLOWS PROGRAM

A unique opportunity for early career scientists to learn about and contribute to drug discovery at Vertex

## Vertex: Our Background

At Vertex, we are relentless. With a commitment to diversity, innovation, and investing in science, we bring together the brightest minds to strike at the core of serious diseases – to create transformative medicines for patients with unmet needs. Vertex is a global biotechnology company with research sites in Boston, San Diego, and Oxford, UK. Vertex has active clinical programs in CF, sickle cell disease and beta-thalassemia (CRISPR), type 1 diabetes (cell therapy), APOL1 mediated kidney disease, and pain.

# What is the Vertex Fellows Program?

The Vertex Fellows program is a unique, one-year opportunity for outstanding early career scientists to explore drug discovery as a potential career. You will be embedded in a research team based on your interest and project needs. You will receive formal training on the collaborative process of drug discovery in addition to hands-on experience with real world R&D problems. The program is sponsored by David Altshuler, Chief Scientific Officer, with the involvement of many other Vertex senior leaders. The program is designed for early career Ph.D. and/or M.D/Ph.D. candidates who are less than 5 years post-graduation.

# Please express your interest by January 12, 2024

Submit an Application with your CV and 1-page cover letter  $\rightarrow$ 

For more information please email: <u>vertexfellows@vrtx.com</u>

Note: if selected for interview, you will be asked for a letter of recommendation from \_\_\_\_\_your advisor.





#### Why be a Vertex Fellow?

- Help patients by contributing to the development of transformative medicines
- Work on real drug discovery challenges
- Advance a scientific idea rapidly in a team-based environment
- Augment, rather than replace, a traditional post-doc
- Accelerate your career growth by learning from a cross-functional team in a unique environment
- Receive mentorship from Vertex senior leaders
- Join a community of Fellows that spans industry and academia

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## **1st Job Post-Fellowship:**

## What do we offer?

#### **Examples of Fellow's Projects:**

- Optimizing packaging and delivery of nucleic acid therapeutics
- Evaluating novel therapeutic opportunities in Vertex disease areas
- Understanding drug mechanism of action

#### **Examples of Formal Training:**

- Research Strategies
- Disease Areas
- Business Strategies

#### **Fellows Program Timeline**

2023	-24	
	Nov – Jan	Applications Accepted
2024	March	Interviews
	April	Offers Extended
	Aug – Sep	Onboarding
	Sep	Bootcamp Training
2025	Manah	Miduan Durantationa
	March	Midyear Presentations
	June	Final Presentations
		Transition to new
	Jul – Aug	Transition to new
		opportunities