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. Bringing together the brightest minds, investing in science and taking smart risks, we strike at the core of serious diseases. Vertex invests in scientific innovation to create transformative medicines for people with serious diseases with a focus on specialty markets. Our culture of Inclusion, Diversity and Equity is core to our ability to create and deliver these medicines. Vertex is a global biotechnology company with research sites in Boston, Providence, San Diego and Oxford, UK.

What is the Vertex Fellows Program?
A unique program in which outstanding scientists are matched with mentors and embedded in Vertex project teams for one year. The team match is based on your interest and expertise. You contribute to our culture of Innovation by bringing your ideas to challenge our thinking. In addition to hands-on experience with real world R&D challenges, you will receive didactic training on the integrated process of drug discovery. The program is sponsored by our Chief Scientific Officer David Altshuler, M.D, Ph.D., 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.

Why be a Vertex Fellow?
• Help patients by contributing to the development of transformative medicines
• Augment, rather than replace, a traditional post-doc
• Work on real drug discovery challenges
• Advance a scientific idea rapidly in a team-based environment
• Get mentored by Vertex senior leaders
• Accelerate your career growth by learning from a cross-functional team in a unique environment

What We Offer
Examples of Fellows’ Projects:
• Optimizing packaging and delivery of nucleic acid therapeutics
• Evaluating novel therapeutic opportunities in Vertex disease areas
• Understanding drug mechanism of action

Examples of Training Opportunities:
• Research Strategies
• Disease Areas
• Business Strategies

Fellows Program Timeline
2021-22
Nov-Jan Applications Accepted
March Interviews
April Offers Extended
Jul – Sep Onboarding
September Bootcamp Training

2023
March Midyear Presentations
June Final Presentations
Jul – Dec Transition to new opportunities

Please express your interest by January 14, 2022
Submit an application with your CV and a 1-page Cover Letter to: https://www.vrtx.com/we-are-vertex/innovation-programs
For more information please email: vertexfellows@vrtx.com
Note: if selected for interview, you will be asked for a letter of recommendation from your advisor