

# Data Science Innovation Postdoctoral Fellow, Translational Bioinformatics

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## Summary

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## About the Role

Internal Job Title: Innovation Postdoctoral Fellow

Location: onsite, Cambridge, MA

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Drug hunting is a team sport, and you will gain experience in DS&AI for drug discovery as part of a multi-disciplinary team in Biomedical Research. You will drive innovation by deploying cutting-edge data approaches in collaboration with a vibrant and diverse community of over 300 data scientists globally. The program provides a unique platform to work on real-world, biomedical data at scale, rarely accessible in academia. Under the guidance of experienced mentors, you'll embark on a journey of professional growth, benefiting from a tailored training program with built-in time for a mini sabbatical in other areas of Novartis and for attending conferences/workshops.

Biomedical Research is the home of a vibrant postdoctoral community connected through science and events supporting the professional growth of our fellows, including monthly seminars and an annual Research Day Symposium. Seize this chance to be at the forefront of Data science and AI and shape the future of drug discovery!

## Molecular Diversity of Drugs in Systemic Immunological Diseases

We are seeking a highly motivated and skilled Computational/Bioinformatician Scientist to join our team to explore the molecular diversity of immunological diseases as their response to pharmacological interventions. The successful candidate will analyze multiple (omics) datasets, integrate them with clinical data, and

generate actionable insight

**Start date:** Fall 2024

### **Key responsibilities**

As a Data Science Innovation Fellow, you will:

1. Perform comprehensive analysis of selected diseases across internal and public datasets to identify molecular correlates of disease severity and subgroups.
2. Analyze the molecular effect of pharmacological interventions across compounds and diseases to inform differentiation and indication expansion opportunities.
3. Analyze and harmonize diverse datasets to evaluate similarities and differences between internal and external assets.
4. Align research findings with scientific priorities and address key scientific questions
5. Contribute to the scientific narrative and publication strategy by providing insights and findings on molecular diversity of drugs in systemic immunological diseases.

### **Role requirements:**

PhD in Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, or a Related Field: Candidates in the final year of their PhD thesis are also eligible to apply. Experience in analyzing Transcriptomic and genomic data (and/or other high-dimensional, biological data modalities) and a strong interest in expanding. Proficient in analyzing high-dimensional biological data modalities including transcriptomics and genomics. Advanced coding skills in R and/or Python, along with familiarity with common bioinformatics tools. Solid background in statistics and machine learning techniques. Ability to interpret complex biological data and formulate clear, testable hypotheses for experts in various fields. Demonstrated strong publication record or other notable scientific accomplishments such as awards, patents, or grants. Excellent analytical, communication, presentation, and organizational skills #DSIF

### **How to apply**

Please submit your CV and cover letter by July 29th for consideration. Please ensure that your cover letter explains how this training program will contribute to achieving your career goals.

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**Why Novartis:** Helping people with disease and their families takes more than innovative science. It takes a community of smart, passionate people like you. Collaborating, supporting and inspiring each other.

Combining to achieve breakthroughs that change patients' lives. Ready to create a brighter future together?

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Biomedical Research

Business Unit

Pharma Research

Location

USA

Site

Cambridge (USA)

Company / Legal Entity

U175 (FCRS = US175) Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Inc.

Functional Area

Research & Development

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

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