

Global Head of Technology & Architecture in Biomedical Research (BR)

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About the Role

Key Responsibilities:

- Deliver top-tier research informatics to expedite the discovery of new treatments using data & digital technology and enhance the user experience of our researchers.
- Ensure the evolution of BR's technology capabilities, underlying architecture, drive make or buy decisions for software products and architecture in close alignment with DDIT to deliver harmonized, scalable, end-to-end approaches across projects.
- Lead the strategy, design, and evolution of our next-generation Data & AI Platforms supporting a global biomedical research organization, and define multi-year vision and roadmap for the Research Data & AI Platforms, ensuring alignment with scientific priorities and the digital AI strategy.
- Significantly contribute to the creation of a global digital strategy for BR's AI-driven drug discovery using Data Science, (Gen) AI, and ML on the technology part, and take part in key strategic cross-divisional data and digital projects and initiatives to ensure seamless compatibility of data systems and solutions across the Novartis Research- Development and Commercial units.
- Driving the lab of the future initiative from an informatics perspective together with lab equipment and automation experts from other BR functions,
- Collaborate closely with Novartis DDIT and the BR Data Science community to devise and execute on the digital and AI strategy for BR to ensure BR is a fully AI enabled Research Organization.
- Evaluate emerging technologies (agentic workflows, vector databases, GPU infrastructure, lab digitalization technologies, quantum computing etc.) and translate them into practical capabilities that drive research outcomes; Lead platform architecture reviews and steer technology selection.
- Provide strategic input and vision on Technologies to the President of Research and BR's scientific leadership, and act as a recognized advisor to top management.
- Partner closely with DDIT functions to ensure enterprise solutions are preferentially deployed where possible and seek synergies; Serve as a bridge between engineering, R&D scientists, data science, and IT security/compliance and infrastructure groups.
- Grow and lead a diverse, inclusive, high-performing team and instill a collaborative, enterprise mindset, and develop and mentor high-performing, diverse team of platform engineers, software engineers, domain specialists, and architects, lab technologists.

Essential Requirements:

- PhD or master's degree in computer science, data science, AI, computational biology, cheminformatics, or a related discipline. A background that spans both technology and life sciences is strongly preferred.
- 12+ years of experience in platform engineering, architecture, infrastructure, data engineering, cloud architecture, research lab technologies or ML infrastructure; with 8+ years in leadership roles.
- Strong understanding of modern AI/ML workflows, including LLMs, model training/serving, monitoring, MLOps, and GPU infrastructure.
- Expertise with cloud-native architectures, microservices, APIs, Kubernetes, IaC, observability tools, and high-performance computing.
- Familiarity with scientific research workflows and associated data modalities (omics, imaging, real-world data, lab-generated data)

- Experience translating research and business needs into platform capabilities, and translating technical constraints into business language.
- Extensive Leadership of multidisciplinary, global team with the ability to successfully operate in a matrixed and fast changing environment.
- Proven ability to influence and collaborate across scientific, technical, and business stakeholders, with ability to influence senior leadership & exceptional stakeholder management skills.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication & presentation skills with the ability to communicate complex technical concepts to a wide audience
- Strong ability to navigate complexity and drive to deliver collective impact with an enterprise mindset

The salary for this position is expected to range between \$236,600 and \$439,400 per year.

The final salary offered is determined based on factors like, but not limited to, relevant skills and experience, and upon joining Novartis will be reviewed periodically. Novartis may change the published salary range based on company and market factors.

Your compensation will include a performance-based cash incentive and, depending on the level of the role, eligibility to be considered for annual equity awards.

US-based eligible employees will receive a comprehensive benefits package that includes health, life and disability benefits, a 401(k) with company contribution and match, and a variety of other benefits. In addition, employees are eligible for a generous time off package including vacation, personal days, holidays and other leaves.

To learn more about the culture, rewards and benefits we offer our people click [here](#).

Role Requirements

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? <https://www.novartis.com/about/strategy/people-and-culture>

Benefits and Rewards: Learn about all the ways we'll help you thrive personally and professionally.

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Division

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Business Unit

Research

Location

LOC_US

Site

Cambridge (USA)

Company / Legal Entity

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

Functional Area

FCT_RD

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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