

Roche *Accelerator*





“ *We are passionate about advancing your science to jointly make a real difference to people’s health* ”

Roche Accelerator is the first in-house accelerator globally, representing Roche’s long-term commitment to Shanghai and China. Roche Accelerator strengthens the collaboration with local partners and plays a key part in the local innovation ecosystem.

Embedded in the Roche R&D organization, the Accelerator catalyzes and empowers entrepreneurs to bridge the gap between concept and proof-of-concept through Roche’s dedicated team, full spectrum research and development (R&D) and commercial capabilities in China. We could provide seed funding, intensive coaching and guidance, and best-in-class in-house scientific avenues to discuss topics as detailed as assays, or with strategic breadth, like defining key milestones to de-risk the science. We do this together with our partners, where they can add value.

Located in the heart of Zhangjiang of Pudong, Shanghai, the building of Roche Accelerator will be completed by 2022. The 5,000-square-meter building will be home to state-of-the-art laboratories, offices, and collaboration spaces for entrepreneurs focusing on pharma, diagnostics, and personalized healthcare (PHC) including artificial intelligence (AI) and digital solutions.

Our focus

We focus on the following areas: pharma, diagnostics and personalized healthcare (PHC). And we are interested in discovery, translational and early development projects, including AI and digital solutions - a strategy that aims to fit the right treatment to each person in the best way possible.

Our selection criteria

Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Pharma✓ Diagnostics✓ Personalized healthcare (PHC) including artificial intelligence (AI) and digital solutions
Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ First-in-class/first-in-concept oncology and immuno-oncology therapies, and beyond✓ Innovative approaches and technologies to address diseases with many unmet needs for diagnosis and treatment✓ Biomarkers guided diagnostics✓ Meaningful data at scale and insight generation, powered by AI / machine learning
Company and team	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Experienced management team with successful first-in-class R&D track record✓ Angel or later fundraising rounds, healthy financial condition

Our offerings



Infrastructure: Access to a state-of-the-art Roche R&D building completely redesigned and remodeled, providing more than 5,000 sqm. laboratory with equipment, office and collaboration spaces in the heart of Zhangjiang (estimated in 2022)



Support: Scientific and strategic mentorship from Roche business leaders, senior scientists, distinguished experts, investors as well as a community platform for portfolio companies to connect and collaborate



Funding: Potential Roche seed funding available in the forms of equity investment, research funding or subsidies; priority access to our venture capital partners



Operations: Procurement and Logistics, Environment, Health and Safety, IT and network, and preferential benefits from Roche recommended vendors and potential tax incentives and government subsidies



Flexibility: A flexible program that can be tailored to the individual needs of each entrepreneur, depending on where you are in your journey

About Roche Group

Roche is a leading global biotechnology company headquartered in Switzerland with a history of 125 years. Combining our unique advantages in the fields of pharmaceuticals and diagnostics, we are committed to advancing science and improving people's lives through personalised healthcare.

Roche is a global pioneer in pharmaceuticals and diagnostics with truly differentiated medicines in oncology, immunology, infectious diseases, ophthalmology and diseases of the central nervous system. Roche is also the world leader in in-vitro diagnostics and tissue-based cancer diagnostics, and a frontrunner in diabetes management.

Founded in 1896, Roche continues to search for better ways to prevent, diagnose and treat diseases and make a sustainable contribution to society. The company also aims to improve patient access to medical innovations by working with all relevant stakeholders.

More than thirty medicines developed by Roche are included in the World Health Organisation Model Lists of Essential Medicines, among them life-saving antibiotics, antimalarial and cancer medicines. Moreover, for the thirteenth consecutive year, Roche has been recognised as one of the most sustainable companies in the Pharmaceuticals Industry by the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI).

The Roche Group, headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, is active in over 150 countries and in 2021 employed more than 100,920 people worldwide. In 2021, Roche invested USD 15 billion in R&D and posted sales of USD 68.7 billion. Genentech, in the United States, is a wholly owned member of the Roche Group. Roche is the majority shareholder in Chugai Pharmaceutical, Japan.



Roche Innovation Center Shanghai (RICS) ---

In 2004, Roche set up a research and early development center (Roche R&D Center (China) Ltd.) in Shanghai. It is the first fully owned multinational pharmaceutical R&D center in Shanghai, now known as the Roche Innovation Center Shanghai (RICS). In 2019, a world class new RICS lab building with a total space of 26,000 square meters was completed after an investment of 863 million CNY. With the establishment of the new lab building, Roche has invested a full value chain in the campus located in Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park in Shanghai - from Discovery, Development and Manufacturing to Sales and Marketing. The aspiration of Roche is to build a campus that becomes the third strategic center following the world headquarters in Basel, and the US headquarters in San Francisco.

As of the end of December 2021, based on the inventions of RICS, over 280 patents have been generated and more than half of them have been granted in China, US, EU, or Japan. Nine molecules with contributions from the site have already entered clinical development. Meanwhile, RICS collaborates with many renowned external academic institutes, biotech companies and contract research organizations within and outside of China to drive the drug discovery and translational medicine activities in China.

Currently RICS has about 200 scientists covering all positions in the functions of pharmaceutical discovery and early development. In addition, about 95% of our scientists are Chinese. As a global base for anti-HBV drug discovery and development, RICS has participated in the research and clinical development of four anti-HBV molecules, which are currently being developed, and has played a leading role in some programs. The site is expanding in the therapeutic area of immunology. It is also establishing capabilities in the therapeutic area of oncology. Further growth in number of employees and expansion of research and development areas are planned for the long-term success of the site. This fully reflects Roche's commitment to drug discovery and development in China to benefit patients in China and worldwide.



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