

# T. Rowe Price Health Sciences Fund

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## Fund facts

*Risk level Low ← → High					Total net assets	Expense ratio as of 05/01/23	Ticker symbol	Turnover rate	Inception date	Fund number
1	2	3	4	5	\$9,392 MM	0.800%	PRHSX	48.40%	12/29/95	2367

## Investment objective

The investment seeks long-term capital appreciation.

## Investment strategy

The fund will normally invest at least 80% of its net assets (including any borrowings for investment purposes) in the common stocks of companies engaged in the research, development, production, or distribution of products or services related to health care, medicine, or the life sciences (collectively termed "health sciences"). While the fund can invest in companies of any size, the majority of fund assets are expected to be invested in large- and mid-capitalization companies.


## General note

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## Benchmark

S&amp;P 500 TR USD

## Annual returns



	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Fund</b>	31.94	12.98	-10.35	27.95	1.23	29.11	30.12	13.27	-12.19	3.08
<b>Benchmark</b>	13.69	1.38	11.96	21.83	-4.38	31.49	18.40	28.71	-18.11	26.29

## Total returns

Periods ended March 31, 2024

	Quarter	Year to date	One year	Three years	Five years	Ten years
<b>Fund</b>	7.95%	7.95%	13.90%	3.54%	9.99%	11.75%
<b>Benchmark</b>	10.56%	10.56%	29.88%	11.49%	15.05%	12.96%

**The performance data shown represent past performance, which is not a guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate, so investors' shares, when sold, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data cited. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at [vanguard.com/performance](https://www.vanguard.com/performance).**

Figures for periods of less than one year are cumulative returns. All other figures represent average annual returns. Performance figures include the reinvestment of all dividends and any capital gains distributions. All returns are net of expenses.

\*Morningstar Risk evaluates a mutual fund's downside volatility relative to that of other funds in its Morningstar Category. It is an assessment of the variations in a fund's monthly returns, with an emphasis on downside variations, in comparison with the mutual funds in its Morningstar Category. In each Morningstar Category, the 10% of funds with the lowest measured risk are described as Low Risk (LOW), the next 22.5% Below Average (-AVG), the middle 35% Average (AVG), the next 22.5% Above Average (+AVG), and the top 10% High (HIGH). Morningstar Risk is measured for up to three time periods (three-, five-, and 10 years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the mutual fund. Funds with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

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## Ten largest holdings

1	Eli Lilly and Co	
2	Aggregate Miscellaneous Equity	
3	UnitedHealth Group Inc	
4	Intuitive Surgical Inc	
5	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	
6	Merck & Co Inc	
7	Stryker Corp	
8	Elevance Health Inc	
9	Danaher Corp	
10	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc	
Top 10 as % of total net assets		50.6%

## Sector Diversification



Healthcare	100.0%	Financial Services	0.0
Basic Materials	0.0	Industrials	0.0
Communication Services	0.0	Real Estate	0.0
Consumer Cyclical	0.0	Technology	0.0
Consumer Defensive	0.0	Utilities	0.0
Energy	0.0		

## Risk terms

**Foreign Securities:** Investments in foreign securities may be subject to increased volatility as the value of these securities can change more rapidly and extremely than can the value of U.S. securities. Foreign securities are subject to increased issuer risk because foreign issuers may not experience the same degree of regulation as U.S. issuers do and are held to different reporting, accounting, and auditing standards. In addition, foreign securities are subject to increased costs because there are generally higher commission rates on transactions, transfer taxes, higher custodial costs, and the potential for foreign tax charges on dividend and interest payments. Many foreign markets are relatively small, and securities issued in less-developed countries face the risks of nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, and adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, including suspension of the ability to transfer currency from a country. Economic, political, social, or diplomatic developments can also negatively impact performance.

**Loss of Money:** Because the investments market value may fluctuate up and down, an investor may lose money, including part of the principal, when he or she buys or sells the investment.

**Not FDIC Insured:** The investment is not a deposit or obligation of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other U.S. governmental agency.

**Active Management:** The investment is actively managed and subject to the risk that the advisors usage of investment techniques and risk analyses to make investment decisions fails to perform as expected, which may cause the portfolio to lose value or underperform investments with similar objectives and strategies or the market in general.

**Market/Market Volatility:** The market value of the portfolios securities may fall rapidly or unpredictably because of changing economic, political, or market conditions, which may reduce the value of the portfolio.

**Equity Securities:** The value of equity securities, which include common, preferred, and convertible preferred stocks, will fluctuate based on changes in their issuers financial conditions, as well as overall market and economic conditions, and can decline in the event of deteriorating issuer, market, or economic conditions.

**Industry and Sector Investing:** Concentrating assets in a particular industry, sector of the economy, or markets may increase volatility because the investment will be more susceptible to the impact of market, economic, regulatory, and other factors affecting that industry or sector compared with a more broadly diversified asset allocation.

**IPO:** Investing in initial public offerings may increase volatility and have a magnified impact on performance. IPO shares may be sold shortly after purchase, which can increase portfolio turnover and expenses, including commissions and transaction costs. Additionally, IPO shares are subject to increased market, liquidity, and issuer risks.

**Other:** The investments performance may be impacted by its concentration in a certain type of security, adherence to a particular investing strategy, or a unique aspect of its structure and costs.

**Restricted/Illiquid Securities:** Restricted and illiquid securities may fall in price because of an inability to sell the securities when desired. Investing in restricted securities may subject the portfolio to higher costs and liquidity risk.

**Management:** Performance is subject to the risk that the advisors asset allocation and investment strategies do not perform as expected, which may cause the portfolio to underperform its benchmark, other investments with similar objectives, or the market in general. The investment is subject to the risk of loss of income and capital invested, and the advisor does not guarantee its value, performance, or any particular rate of return.

**Mid-Cap:** Concentrating assets in mid-capitalization stocks may subject the portfolio to the risk that those stocks underperform other capitalizations or the market as a whole. Mid-cap companies may be subject to increased liquidity risk compared with large-cap companies and may experience greater price volatility than do those securities because of more-limited product lines or financial resources, among other factors.

**Large Cap:** Concentrating assets in large-capitalization stocks may subject the portfolio to the risk that those stocks underperform other capitalizations or the market as a whole. Large-cap companies may be unable to respond as quickly as small- and mid-cap companies can to new competitive pressures and may lack the growth potential of those securities. Historically, large-cap companies do not recover as quickly as smaller companies do from market declines.

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