

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 8-K

March 18, 2016

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**March 14, 2016**

**INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction)**

**001-14888**  
**(Commission)**

**33-0969592**  
**(I.R.S. Employer)**

**of incorporation)**

**File Number)**

**Identification No.)**

**660 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 110**

**Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**19462**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (267) 440-4200**

**N/A**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 14, 2016, we entered into collaborative research agreements (CRAs) with the Wistar Institute for preventive and therapeutic DNA-based immunotherapy applications and products for cancers and infectious diseases developed by David B. Weiner, Ph.D., and his Wistar laboratory. The CRAs relate to research in the field of DNA encoding monoclonal antibodies targeting pathogenic viruses and bacteria and immunomodulatory agents, and the field of consensus immunogens for viral vaccines. We will fund the research and will have the exclusive right to in-license new intellectual property developed in this collaboration. The initial term of the CRAs is five years, unless earlier terminated pursuant to the terms of the CRAs, which term may be extended or renewed by mutual written agreement.

Dr. Weiner will serve as principal investigator under the CRA s. Dr. Weiner serves on our Board of Directors and is Chair of our Scientific Advisory Board.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Peter Kies  
Peter Kies,  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 18, 2016