

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form S-8

January 28, 2016

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Registration No. 333-

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Inovio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

33-0969592
(I.R.S. employer
identification no.)

660 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 100

19462

Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania
(Address of principal executive offices) **(Zip code)**
2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan

(Full title of the plan)

J. Joseph Kim, Ph.D.

President and Chief Executive Officer

Inovio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

660 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 100

Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 19462

(267) 440-4200

**(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,
including area code, of agent for service)**

Copy to:

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30 South 17th Street

Philadelphia, PA 19103

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
 Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of securities to be registered | Amount to be registered (1)(2) | Proposed maximum offering price per share(3) | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(3) | Amount of registration fee(3) |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$0.001 par value | 3,000,000 shares | N/A | \$16,534,235.93 | \$1,665 |

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional securities that may be offered or issued in connection with any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration that increases the outstanding number of shares of Common Stock.
- (2) Represents 3,000,000 additional shares of Common Stock authorized to be issued under the Registrant's 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the 2007 Plan). The Registrant previously registered shares available for issuance under the 2007 Plan on registration statements on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 14, 2007, May 9, 2008, August 26, 2009, May 18, 2010, May 20, 2011, May 18, 2012, November 13, 2013 and May 28, 2014 (Registration Nos. 333-142938, 333-150769, 333-161559, 333-166906, 333-174353, 333-181532, 333-192318 and 333-196325, respectively).
- (3) Pursuant to Rule 457(h), the maximum aggregate offering price was calculated by adding (i) with respect to 498,665 shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options, the weighted average per share exercise price of those options of \$7.55 and (ii) with respect to the remaining 2,501,335 shares issuable under the plan, the price of \$5.105 per share based on the average of the high and low sale prices for the Registrant's Common Stock as reported on the NASDAQ Stock Market on January 26, 2016.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

This Registration Statement relates solely to the registration of additional securities of the same class as other securities for which a registration statement on this form relating to an employee benefit plan is effective. Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, this Registration Statement hereby incorporates by reference the contents of the registration statements on Form S-8 the Registrant filed on May 14, 2007, May 9, 2008, August 26, 2009, May 18, 2010, May 20, 2011, May 18, 2012, November 13, 2013 and May 28, 2014 with respect to the Registrant's 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (Registration Nos. 333-142938, 333-150769, 333-161559, 333-166906, 333-174353, 333-181532, 333-192318 and 333-196325, respectively.)

Item 8. Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description of Exhibit |
|-------------|--|
| 5.1 | Opinion of Duane Morris LLP |
| 23.1 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm |
| 23.2 | Consent of Duane Morris LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1) |
| 24.1 | Powers of Attorney (included in signature pages) |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania on January 27, 2016.

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ J. Joseph Kim

J. Joseph Kim

President and Chief Executive Officer

Know all men by these presents, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints J. Joseph Kim and Peter Kies, and each or either of them, as such person's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution, for such person, and in such person's name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign any or all amendments or post-effective amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as such person might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
|--|---|------------------|
| /s/ Avtar Dhillon Avtar Dhillon | Chairman | January 27, 2016 |
| /s/ J. Joseph Kim J. Joseph Kim | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer) | January 27, 2016 |
| /s/ Peter Kies Peter Kies | Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and principal accounting officer) | January 27, 2016 |
| /s/ Simon X. Benito Simon X. Benito | Director | January 27, 2016 |
| /s/ Angel Cabrera Angel Cabrera | Director | January 27, 2016 |

| Signature | Title | Date |
|--|----------|------------------|
| /s/ Morton Collins Morton Collins | Director | January 27, 2016 |
| /s/ Adel A.F. Mahmoud Adel A.F. Mahmoud | Director | January 27, 2016 |
| /s/ Nancy J. Wysenski Nancy J. Wysenski | Director | January 27, 2016 |

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