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Geoffrey So is the Head of Partnerships at the Novartis Foundation. In collaboration with the Novartis Foundation team, he works across the portfolio of global health initiatives to identify strategic partnerships needs and actively cultivate collaborations with partners across private, public and civic sectors to operationalize opportunities that maximize health impact and sustainability.

Prior to joining the Novartis Foundation in March 2016, Geoffrey worked for six years at the United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO). In the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General, he served as a global health specialist for the Every Woman Every Child initiative and worked on the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health; and as an advocacy and communications lead in the Post-2015 Unit in support of the adoption and launch of the 2030 Agenda, Sustainable Development Goals and the Global Goals Campaign. At WHO/Roll Back Malaria Partnership, Geoffrey was responsible for external relations with governments, civil society and the private sector to raise the political profile of malaria and to mobilize resources to combat the disease.

His work in academia was in clinical and social research, including the impact of HIV and Hepatitis C harm reduction programs among illicit drug users in Canada, the development of a self-administered influenza diagnostic tool, and the association between antiretroviral therapy and incident cardiovascular disease among HIV-positive individuals in Tanzania.

Geoffrey holds a Master of Science in Population & Public Health Research Methodology (Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics) from McMaster University, a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of Toronto and a college diploma in biotechnology.