
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, DC 20549

FORM S-8

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE
SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

NextCure, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or
organization)

47-5231247
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**9000 Virginia Manor Road, Suite 200
Beltsville, Maryland 20705**
(Address, including zip code, of
principal executive offices)

NEXTCURE, INC. 2019 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN
(Full title of the plan)

**Michael Richman
Chief Executive Officer
NextCure, Inc.
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Beltsville, Maryland 20705
(240) 399-4900**

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

With Copies to:

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Steven P. Cobourn
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer
Smaller reporting company
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

NEXTCURE, INC.

REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITIES
PURSUANT TO GENERAL INSTRUCTION E

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 (this “Registration Statement”) is being filed by NextCure, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Registrant”), for the purpose of registering 2,218,221 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (“Common Stock”), issuable to eligible employees under the Registrant’s 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Accordingly, the contents of the previous Registration Statements on Form S-8 filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) on [November 4, 2021 \(File No. 333-260779\)](#) and [May 13, 2019 \(File No. 333-231436\)](#), including the information incorporated by reference therein and the periodic reports filed after the aforementioned filings to maintain current information about the Registrant, are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference in this Registration Statement the following documents and information previously filed with the Commission:

- (a) [the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Commission on March 2, 2023;](#)
 - (b) [the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2023, filed with the Commission on May 4, 2023;](#)
 - (c) [the Registrant’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2023, filed with the Commission on August 3, 2023;](#)
 - (d) the Registrant’s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on [July 19, 2023](#) and [June 26, 2023](#);
 - (e) All other reports filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Registrant’s Annual Report referred to in (a) above; and
 - (f) The description of the Registrant’s Common Stock contained in the Registrant’s Registration Statement on [Form 8-A \(File No. 001-38905\)](#), filed with the Commission on May 8, 2019 under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.
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All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and will be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents; provided, however, that documents, reports and definitive proxy or information statements, or portions thereof, which are furnished and not filed in accordance with the rules of the Commission shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

Any statement contained herein or in a document, all or a portion of which is incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or amended, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
4.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of NextCure, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on May 13, 2019)
4.2	Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of NextCure, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on June 26, 2023)
4.3	NextCure, Inc. 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed with the Commission on April 29, 2019)
5.1*	Opinion of Sidley Austin LLP
23.1*	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
23.2*	Consent of Sidley Austin LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1*	Power of Attorney (contained in signature page to this Registration Statement)
107*	Filing Fee table

* Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, 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 the City of Beltsville, in the State of Maryland, on August 4, 2023.

NEXTCURE, INC.

By: /s/ Steven P. Cobourn
Steven P. Cobourn

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND SIGNATURES

The undersigned officers and directors of the Company hereby constitute and appoint Michael Richman and Steven P. Cobourn, and each of them, the true and lawful agents and attorneys-in-fact of the undersigned with full power and authority in said agents and attorneys-in-fact, and each of them, to sign for the undersigned, individually and in each capacity stated below, one or more amendments, including post-effective amendments, to this Registration Statement, and hereby ratify and confirm all acts taken by such agents and attorneys-in-fact, or either of them, as herein authorized.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Michael Richman</u> Michael Richman	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 4, 2023
<u>/s/ Steven P. Cobourn</u> Steven P. Cobourn	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	August 4, 2023
<u>/s/ David Kabakoff, Ph.D.</u> David Kabakoff, Ph.D.	Chair of the Board of Directors	August 4, 2023
<u>/s/ Anne Borgman, M.D.</u> Anne Borgman, M.D.	Director	August 4, 2023
<u>/s/ Ellen Feigal, M.D.</u> Ellen Feigal, M.D.	Director	August 4, 2023
<u>/s/ John G. Houston, Ph.D.</u> John G. Houston, Ph.D.	Director	August 4, 2023
<u>/s/ Elaine V. Jones, Ph.D.</u> Elaine V. Jones, Ph.D.	Director	August 4, 2023
<u>/s/ Chau Q. Khuong</u> Chau Q. Khuong	Director	August 4, 2023
<u>/s/ Garry A. Nicholson</u> Garry A. Nicholson	Director	August 4, 2023
<u>/s/ Stephen W. Webster</u> Stephen W. Webster	Director	August 4, 2023

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August 4, 2023

NextCure, Inc.
9000 Virginia Manor Road
Suite 200
Beltsville, MD 20705Re: 2,218,221 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We refer to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") being filed by NextCure, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the registration of 2,218,221 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Registered Shares"), of the Company which may be issued under the NextCure, Inc. 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

This opinion letter is being delivered in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

We have examined the Registration Statement, the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the Company's Second Amended and Restated Bylaws, the Plan, the resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the Company relating to the Registration Statement and the Plan, and the resolutions adopted by the stockholders of the Company relating to the Plan. We have also examined originals, or copies of originals certified to our satisfaction, of such agreements, documents, certificates and statements of the Company and other corporate documents and instruments, and have examined such questions of law, as we have considered relevant and necessary as a basis for this opinion letter. We have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all persons and the conformity with the original documents of any copies thereof submitted to us for examination. As to facts relevant to the opinions expressed herein, we have relied without independent investigation or verification upon, and assumed the accuracy and completeness of, certificates, letters and oral and written statements and representations of public officials and officers and other representatives of the Company.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that each Registered Share that is newly issued pursuant to the Plan will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable when: (i) the Registration Statement, as finally amended, shall have become effective under the Securities Act; (ii) such Registered Share shall have been duly issued and delivered in accordance with the Plan; and (iii) a certificate representing such Registered Share shall have been duly executed, countersigned and registered and duly delivered to the person entitled thereto against payment of the agreed consideration therefor (in an amount not less than the par value thereof) or, if any such Registered Share is to be issued in uncertificated form, the Company's books shall reflect the issuance of such Registered Share to the person entitled thereto against payment of the agreed consideration therefor (in an amount not less than the par value thereof), all in accordance with the Plan.

This opinion letter is limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We express no opinion as to the laws, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction, including, without limitation, the federal laws of the United States of America or any state securities or blue sky laws.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to all references to our Firm included in or made a part of the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Sidley Austin LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the NextCure, Inc. 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan of our report dated March 2, 2023, with respect to the financial statements of NextCure, Inc. included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Baltimore, MD
August 4, 2023

Calculation of Filing Fee Tables

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(Form Type)

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Table 1 – Newly Registered Securities

Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation Rule	Amount Registered ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit ⁽²⁾	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee ⁽²⁾
Equity	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, reserved for issuance under the Registrant's 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan	Other	2,218,221 ⁽¹⁾	\$1.725	\$3,826,431.23	\$110.20 per \$1,000,000	\$421.67
Total Offering Amount					\$3,826,431.23		\$421.67
Total Fee Offsets							—
Net Fee Due							\$421.67

(1) Consists of shares available for issuance under the NextCure, Inc. 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2019 Omnibus Plan"). The number of shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), available for issuance under the 2019 Omnibus Plan is subject to an automatic annual increase on January 1st of each year, commencing on January 1, 2020 and continuing until the expiration of the 2019 Omnibus Plan, in an amount equal to four percent (4%) of the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on December 31st of the preceding calendar year (the "2019 Omnibus Plan Evergreen Provision"). Accordingly, the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the 2019 Omnibus Plan was increased by 2,218,221 shares, which is equal to the sum of (i) 4% of the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of December 31, 2021 and (ii) 4% of the total number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of December 31, 2022. This Registration Statement registers the 2,218,221 additional shares of Common Stock available for issuance under the 2019 Omnibus Plan as of January 1, 2023 as a result of 2022 and 2023 increases pursuant to the 2019 Omnibus Plan Evergreen Provision. In accordance with Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this registration statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock that become issuable under the 2019 Omnibus Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or similar transaction effected without the Registrant's receipt of consideration which would increase the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) and Rule 457(c) promulgated under the Securities Act. The offering price per share and aggregate offering price are based on the average of the high and the low price of the registrant's common stock as reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on July 31, 2023.