

# University of Connecticut



## *At a Glance*

**Established in 1881**

**Statutory Authority: Chapter 185b, General Statutes**  
**Flagship campus in Storrs, CT 06269**

## **Operating Expenditures Budget Fiscal Year 2022**

**At the Main and Regional Campuses: \$1,609.2 million**

**At UConn Health: \$1,398.7 million**

## **Organizational Structure: Public State University**

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#### **Number of Full-time & Part-time Faculty & Staff: 9,865**

	<b>Main Campus/Regional</b>	<b>UConn Health</b>
Full-time & Part-time Faculty & Staff	<b>5,127</b>	<b>4,738</b>
Full-time Faculty & Staff	4,939 (96%)	3,707 (78%)
Part-time Faculty & Staff <sup>1</sup>	188 (4%)	1,031 (22%)
Full-time Faculty	<b>1,616</b>	<b>566</b>
Tenured & Tenure Track	1,162 (72%)	178 (31%)
Non-Tenure Track	454 (28%)	388 (69%)
Full-time Staff	<b>3,323</b>	<b>3,141</b>
Full-time & Part-time Faculty		
Female	45%	46%
Minority	24%	38%
Full-time & Part-time Staff		
Female	57%	78%
Minority	17%	29%

<sup>1</sup>An additional 757 adjunct lecturers teach at least one course at Storrs and regional campuses.

#### **Staff Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements:**

Main Campus & Regional Campuses	92%
UConn Health	90%

## Mission

*Founded in 1881, the University of Connecticut serves as the flagship for public higher education and the primary doctoral degree granting public institution in the state. The University of Connecticut is dedicated to excellence demonstrated through national and international recognition. As Connecticut's public research university, through freedom of academic inquiry and expression, we create and disseminate knowledge by means of scholarly and creative achievements, graduate and professional education, and outreach. Through our focus on teaching and learning, the University helps every student grow intellectually and become a contributing member of the state, national, and world communities. Through research, teaching, service, and outreach, we embrace diversity and cultivate leadership, integrity, and engaged citizenship in our students, faculty, staff, and alumni. As our state's flagship public university, and as a land and sea grant institution, we promote the health and well-being of Connecticut's citizens through enhancing the social, economic, cultural, and natural environments of the state and beyond.*

## Statutory Responsibility

The General Statutes of the State of Connecticut and the Morrill Act adopted by the United States Congress have charged the University of Connecticut with the responsibility for the education of Connecticut youth in scientific and classical studies, agriculture and mechanic arts, and liberal and practical education. General Statutes give the University authority for programs leading to a wide variety of doctoral degrees and post-baccalaureate professional degrees. The University's constitutional mandate, "excellence in higher education," is accomplished in its traditional triad of academic responsibilities: teaching, research, and service (including outreach and public engagement).

## Achievements

### **The University's Economic Impact**

**UConn contributes more than \$5.3 billion to Connecticut's economy every year.**

More than \$3 billion is generated directly by UConn itself.

Spillover effect from UConn to related industries is worth roughly \$914 million, and worth \$1.4 billion to households.

For every dollar spent by UConn, 77 cents in economic output is generated elsewhere in Connecticut

**UConn creates new businesses, jobs, and economic growth, strengthening Connecticut industry.**

Nearly 26,000 Connecticut jobs, or one out of every 90, are generated by UConn.

UConn generates more than \$277 million in state and local taxes through its labor force and the industries it affects.

Industry leaders including Pratt & Whitney, Comcast, Eversource, UTC, and many more have invested nearly \$100 million in UConn in areas such as materials science, advanced manufacturing, big data, computer security, and other fields.

More than 700 U.S. patents have been granted based on UConn innovations, with more than 100 new patent applications filed in Fiscal Year 2021.

More than \$463 million has been raised by UConn TIP incubator companies to date.

Nearly 2,150 jobs in Connecticut are generated by UConn research, which is worth roughly \$485 million in total economic output.

### **UConn improves and strengthens Connecticut cities and towns.**

UConn has vibrant campuses in Farmington, Groton, Hartford, Stamford and Storrs with thousands of students, faculty, and staff generating millions in economic activity.

### **Investment in Research**

In the 2020-21 fiscal year, the research enterprise at UConn and UConn Health surged to a record \$375.6 million in sponsored program awards, including its largest-ever award in the form of a \$40 million research grant to the School of Medicine. Prior to this year, total research funding had never exceeded \$300 million in a single fiscal year.

Even without the record-largest grant to the School of Medicine, the University would have easily broken the FY20 record due to the efforts of the researchers across the campuses whose 746 proposals were selected for one-time or multi-year funding from external sponsors like federal agencies, state government, and industry.

The FY21 figure also well exceeds the five-year average of about \$255 million annually between the 2015 and 2020 fiscal years, with each of the past four years pushing past the previous year's amounts.

UConn researchers regularly lend their expertise and commentary to noted publications including National Geographic, the New York Times and the Washington Post in addition to peer-reviewed journals and scholarly publications.

UConn hosts more than 80 world-class research centers and institutes – performing cutting-edge research in areas including brain and cognitive sciences, materials science, clean energy, aging, and cyber security.

### **UConn and the Pandemic**

The University's role in Connecticut's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic was as varied and impactful as would be expected of a nationally recognized public research university. On January

10, 2022, UConn Health logged its 100,000<sup>th</sup> administered dosage of one of the COVID-19 vaccines to patients, with tens of thousands more administered in the succeeding months.

In addition to UConn Health's work on vaccines, the UConn School of Nursing sent more than 70 student nurses to staff community vaccine clinics in Hartford, Norwalk, Dayville, and Willimantic.

UConn's status as one of the first universities in the country to use wastewater surveillance as a means of COVID-19 community detection was recognized with an \$8.2 million National Institutes of Health grant and the designation as one of just nine wastewater epidemiology Centers of Excellence in the nation.

The UConn School of Nursing, the UConn School of Engineering, and the UConn School of Medicine worked together to build more than 1,000 low-cost air purifiers that were distributed to the public school systems of West Hartford and Coventry.

For students facing financial emergencies and unexpected hardships as a result of the pandemic, UConn distributed \$28.4 million in federal funds provided by the American Rescue Plan (ARP). In addition to the federal aid, in Fiscal Year 2022 UConn allocated \$164 million in institutionally funded financial aid, \$37 million in other federal aid, and \$10 million in state aid through scholarships and need-based grants.

### **Investment in Community**

UConn Extension, which reaches into every community in Connecticut, continued its record of outstanding public service across a variety of projects, initiatives, and ongoing programs. These included the development of a 200-acre forest preserve in Stonington to help the state study and prepare for climate change's effects on Connecticut woodlands; community nutrition programs that served 26,875 low-income families across the state; the launch of the Connecticut Trail Finder website, providing a guide to more than 100 trails around the state; assistance in the creation of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation's Department of Agriculture; and the direct support of more than 300 fishing industry jobs through Connecticut Sea Grant programs.

The Connecticut Small Business Development Center, which is hosted at the UConn School of Business, will play a major role in a five-year, \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) to operate a national MBDA Advanced Manufacturing Center. This was one of only four such grants awarded nationwide.

Following the success of similar programs in Hartford and New Haven, UConn announced the start of the Waterbury Promise Scholars Program, which will provide scholarships to academically gifted students from disadvantaged backgrounds in the Brass City.

UConn faculty members assisted state lawmakers during the General Assembly's legislative session, by serving as members of the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy, the Task Force to Study the State Workforce and Retiring Employees, the State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission, the Connecticut Hate Crimes Advisory Council, and more.

Grown Connecticut, a new marketing and educational campaign to showcase the robust agricultural industry in Connecticut's "quiet corner" and help farmers promote their businesses, was launched by the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources. The project supports farmers who sell directly to consumers through farmers' markets, farm stands, or co-ops. This work is supported by

funding through USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service. Currently, more than 100 farms in over 20 municipalities are part of Grown Connecticut.

UConn's Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation received a \$5 million grant to create a "project pipeline" for municipalities in the state threatened by flooding and other negative effects of climate change.

HuskyTHON, the annual dance marathon that is New England's largest student-run philanthropy effort, raised over \$1.3 million to benefit Connecticut Children's Medical.

## **Investment in Facilities**

### **Northwest Science Quad**

Construction began in August 2020 on a transformational science complex that will tie together UConn's research expansion, academic vision, and culture of innovation. The complex will be anchored by Science 1, a facility that will be 200,000 square feet and serve as the home for the Institute of Materials Science and Engineering, and including specialty research labs, teaching labs, computational and core labs, faculty offices, a 300-seat smart classroom, wet labs, dry labs, and a small café. The complex is scheduled to be ready for students at the start of the Fall 2022 semester.

### **Gant Science Complex Renovation**

Also part of the Northwest Science Quad is the extensive phased renovation of the Edward V. Gant Science Complex. The first phase has been completed for the fall 2019 semester and renovations will continue through 2023. Improvements to classrooms, lecture halls, teaching and research laboratories, faculty offices, and support space were part of the first phase of the improvement plan. The building's façade and roof are also being reconstructed to better prevent leaks and save energy. An outdoor plaza area is being improved to be more inviting and accessible to the campus community.

### **Ice Hockey Arena**

In 2013, the University joined the Hockey East Association for Men's and Women's ice hockey. By doing so, the University committed to building a 2,500-seat arena on-campus, and is currently working with a construction manager to develop the arena, an entrance plaza, parking facilities for approximately 350 vehicles and all associated infrastructure. The new arena is located in the recently renovated Athletics District and is scheduled to open early in the 2022-23 men's and women's ice hockey seasons.

### **Active Transportation Plan**

In January 2022, the University began developing its first ever active transportation plan. The goal of the plan is to improve the walkability and accessibility of campus, and to reduce vehicle congestion while improving pedestrian safety. When complete, the ATP will establish plans for improved bicycle parking and storage; the use of electric bikes, scooters, and other forms of motorized, assistive, or semi-active transportation modes; connectivity with local and regional transportation

networks; traffic calming measures; safer mid-block pedestrian crossings; and a coherent guide to a walkable and bikeable campus. The planning process is expected to be complete in January 2023.

### **Investment in Arts and Culture**

The School of Fine Arts celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a year of exhibitions, performances, and programs that extended far beyond the boundaries of campus into communities around the state.

Among the highlights of the year were the inaugural performance of the student-led University Ballet Company at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts in December 2021; the return of the Jorgensen Digital Stage program, which received a funding award from the National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine and attracted viewers from 48 states and eight foreign countries; a weeklong residency by the internationally renowned Bread & Puppet Theatre group, which included performances and seminars; and the in-person return of the Jorgensen Outreach for Youth Conservatory scholarship program, which provides funding to financially disadvantaged music students at high schools around the state.

Major distinctions for School of Fine Arts faculty members included Associate Professor of Violin and Viola Solomiya Ivakhiv being named an Honored Artist of Ukraine, the country's highest distinction for artists; and Digital Media and Design Professor James Coltrain, who received awards from the prestigious IndieCade Festival and the Independent Games Festival for his historically-themed video game "Blackhaven."

### **Investment in the Future**

Nine out of 10 members of the Class of 2021 had, within six months of graduating, either begun full-time employment, started graduate school, or entered military service, the highest percentage of favorable post-graduation outcomes since the University began tallying them in 2016. Almost two-thirds of in-state graduates chose to remain in Connecticut after graduating, while 20 percent of those who came from out of state stayed in the Nutmeg State.

Efforts to diversify Connecticut's STEM workforce were enhanced by the creation of the Vergnano Institute for Inclusion within the School of Engineering, and the launch of the Pratt & Whitney Scholars Program, supported by a \$1.25 million gift from the manufacturer, to recruit and retain more engineering students from marginalized backgrounds.

### **The Flagship Campus**

More than 40,000 high school students applied to join UConn's Class of 2026, an all-time high. Roughly 77% of the undergraduate student body consists of Connecticut residents, a proportion expected to remain steady beginning in the Fall of 2022. Applications came from all 169 towns in Connecticut, with a 10% increase in applications from Connecticut residents compared to the previous year.

## **Storrs Freshmen**

Approximately 4,075 new students joined the Class of 2026 at Storrs, along with about 1,750 first-year students joining the regional campuses in Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, and Waterbury. They'll be joined by more than 700 students transferring to Storrs from other schools, along with about 200 transfers to the regional campuses. The total number of undergraduates at all campuses in the current fiscal year is about 23,750.

This is the most diverse freshman class in UConn history, with nearly 47% students of color, and nearly 27% coming from backgrounds underrepresented in higher education. Nearly 28% of first-year students are the first in their families to attend college. Students in the class of 2026 hail from 158 of Connecticut's 169 towns, along with students from at least 40 states and over a dozen countries. The incoming class includes 82 valedictorians, 93 salutatorians, and 555 new members of the UConn Honors Program.

Most popular majors among the class include Biology, Mechanical Engineering, Finance, Computer Science and Psychology.

## **Regional Freshmen**

Roughly 1,750 freshmen will join the Class of 2026 at UConn's regional campuses, up from 1,600 in the previous year. They will be joined by some 210 transfer students at the campuses in Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, and Waterbury. In addition, some 235 students lived in residential facilities at UConn Stamford.

The nearly regional freshmen class come from incredibly diverse backgrounds ethnically and geographically, with more than 50% students of color.

## **UConn Health**

Fiscal year 2022 presented both opportunities and challenges for UConn Health, Connecticut's only public academic medical center.

UConn Health began to resume something close to normal operations after the massive disruptions of the early phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, and its budget was in balance despite legacy fringe costs outside its control, thanks in part to generous support from the state and federal governments in response to the pandemic. Patient revenue also rebounded, rising to roughly \$714 million in FY22, with projected growth of about \$38 million in FY23.

Among the major grants received by UConn Health researchers, the Connecticut Area Health Education Center received a \$2 million grant from the federal Department of Health and Human Services to develop the state's primary care workforce, and Dr. Marja Hurley received a \$3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to pursue her research into sickle cell disease.

Accolades for UConn Health in Fiscal Year 2022 included being named a High-Performing

Hospital for stroke and kidney diseases by US News & World Report; being named to Newsweek's rankings of best maternity hospitals in the US; being designated a Center of Excellence for knee, lumbar, and maternity care by the State of Connecticut's employee health program; being designated an advanced, Level 3 Epilepsy Care Center by the National Association of Epilepsy Centers; and certification by The Joint Commission as an Advanced Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center.

In the realm of education, in May 2022 UConn Health celebrated its 51st commencement ceremony for the 260 graduating students from across UConn School of Dental Medicine, UConn School of Medicine, and its UConn Graduate School programs. The Class of 2022 includes 103 M.D. and 49 DMD students, bringing the total of UConn Health-produced physicians to 3,977 and 1,894 dentists since 1972.

In August 2022, UConn School of Medicine and UConn School of Dental Medicine welcomed two of their largest classes ever, with 110 donning white coats for the School of Medicine and 52 dental students enrolling in the Class of 2026. Two-thirds of the future doctors in the School of Medicine are Connecticut natives, and 60% of them are women. In the School of Dental Medicine, 23% of the first-year students are members of minority groups underrepresented in dentistry. Statewide, about 37% of School of Medicine graduates practice medicine in Connecticut, along with 47% of School of Dental Medicine graduates.

### **UConn Law**

UConn Law is a leader in experiential legal education, with a wide variety of clinical programs, a multitude of individual externship opportunities and several practical skills courses built into the curriculum. The average student debt among UConn Law graduates is the lowest in the Northeast.

In fiscal year 2022, UConn Law celebrated its centennial year with a Founders Day event in October and a symposium of former deans. The anniversary also coincided with a drive to raise \$5 million in new scholarship support for the school.

In January, UConn Law welcomed the first students to its fifth Master's of Law program, designed to meet an increasing demand for compliance officers with legal training. The School also established the new Center on Community Safety, Policing, and Inequality, aimed at bringing innovative research, informed by collaborations with public officials and community organizations, to the national discussion on policing.

In May 2022, UConn Law celebrated its 99<sup>th</sup> commencement in the first on-campus ceremony since 2019, awarding 156 Juris Doctor degrees, and 51 49 Master of Laws degrees.

### **Regional Campuses**

Befitting a University with a physical presence in every region of the State, people throughout Connecticut enjoy the economic benefits that UConn provides. UConn's effect is widespread, but also intensely local: the University means local jobs, local spending, and local tax revenues for communities from the shoreline to the northwest hills. With major initiatives to expand and enhance its campuses, the benefits UConn provides to the people living in Connecticut's cities and towns will only multiply.



## **UConn Hartford**

UConn Hartford has become a welcome presence in the capital city with its new, \$140 million campus anchored by the former Hartford Times building. Partnerships with local organizations including Hartford Public Library and the Wadsworth Atheneum have created a true urban campus, which is rounded out by a Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

### **By the numbers:**

32 miles to Storrs  
1,390+ undergraduates  
54% students of color  
11 four-year degree programs

## **UConn Stamford**

Interest in the UConn Stamford as a first-choice campus has continued to rise since dedicated University housing opened in 2017. In 2021, UConn Stamford added 120 beds in two additional nearby apartment buildings to meet student demand. The new Synchrony Financial Innovation Space allows students to obtain paid internships with financial services company Synchrony, which is headquartered in Stamford. In addition, UConn Stamford students may now be accepted to UConn's prestigious Honors Program in their first year.

### **By the numbers:**

30 miles to New York City  
1,850+ undergraduates  
55% students of color  
14 four-year programs  
  
750+ internships in Stamford, Fairfield County, and NYC

## **UConn Avery Point**

Located on Long Island Sound at the mouth of the Thames River, UConn Avery Point challenges students with specialized programs that take advantage of its waterfront location and delivers an outstanding education in more traditional areas of study. Students benefit from small classes, explore unique minors, and enjoy distinctly modern facilities like the state-of-the-art Marine Sciences Building, with unlimited opportunities for undergraduate research, fieldwork, and internships across the many industries near campus. This year, Avery Point became the headquarters of the nation's newest National Estuarine Research Reserve, a federally protected stretch of 52,160 acres on Long Island Sound.

### **By the numbers:**

16:1 student-faculty ratio  
570+ students  
5 four-year programs

42 miles to Storrs  
72 acres on the Connecticut coastline

## **UConn Waterbury**

For more than 70 years, UConn Waterbury has opened the doors to educational access and excellence for thousands of Connecticut residents. Today, the campus is located in a leading-edge facility in the heart of Waterbury's revitalized downtown with privately owned student housing located across the street. UConn Waterbury's new Allied Health Sciences program has shown tremendous growth since being introduced in 2020.

### **By the numbers:**

57 miles to Storrs  
840+ undergraduates  
45% students of color  
9 four-year programs  
250+ Education Abroad programs in 65+ countries

## **Institutional Success**

UConn was ranked No. 23 among national public universities in 2021-22, U.S. News & World Report list and marking its 10th consecutive year in the Top 25.

UConn was ranked No. 10 among the best universities for students with autism by College Choice, and No. 6 among universities for students with learning disabilities by the World Scholarship Forum.

The UConn School of Business's MSA program was ranked the 7<sup>th</sup> best in the country by U.S. News & World Report, up from No. 11 the previous year.

The UConn School of Nursing's online master's program was ranked the 8<sup>th</sup> best in the country by U.S. News & World Report, which also ranked the school in the top five in New England for its master's and doctor's of nursing practice programs.

UConn was ranked eighth out of 312 colleges and universities for its commitment to environmental sustainability by the Sierra Club, the fourth year in a row UConn has been in the top 10 of the group's coveted "Cool Schools" ranking.

## **UConn Contributes to Public Dialogue**

The University's official news site, UConn Today, received more than 2.4 million unique views in fiscal year 2021 for its 800+ stories, videos, and photo galleries, an increase of nearly 400,000 from the previous fiscal year.

The promotion of UConn research and stories has led to coverage in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Associated Press, Scientific American, Smithsonian Magazine, the BBC,

Forbes, The Hill, National Geographic, Bloomberg, the Chicago Tribune, the Boston Globe, the Wall Street Journal, the Atlantic Monthly, the New Yorker, CNN, the Chronicle of Higher Education, ABC News, CNBC, NPR, and numerous others. In fiscal year 2022, there were more than 250 placements in national media outlets, and over 500 in state media outlets.

Forty-six new essays and opinion pieces by UConn faculty members in fiscal year 2022 received more than 2.1 million views in external media, via a partnership with The Conversation, an outlet that works with national media to provide expert university perspective.

On social media, in Fiscal Year 2022, UConn had nearly 530,000 followers across Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and TikTok, with more than 37.8 million impressions for content posted on those platforms, and more than 1.1 million engagements.

## **Information Required by State Statute**

### **Affirmative Action**

In accordance with state and federal laws and regulations, the University of Connecticut is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. The University's affirmative action plans are in compliance with the requirements of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, pursuant to the Regulations for Affirmative Action in the Connecticut General Statutes.

### **Fiscal Health**

An independent auditing firm gave its seal of approval to the University for fiscal prudence in managing construction spending for UCONN 2000 projects. McGladrey LLP, a Chicago-based financial consulting firm, notified UConn that it found no problems with the University's procedures for estimating project costs, maintaining records, allocating payments, and tracking budgets. Audit findings underscore the University's strong fiscal standards for administering new major initiatives such as Next Generation Connecticut.

### **Governing Board**

The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees is comprised of 21 members: 12 appointed by the Governor; two elected by alumni; two elected by students; and five ex-officio, including the Governor, UConn Health Board of Directors Chair, and the Commissioners of Agriculture, Economic and Community Development, and Education.

Members of the Board of Trustees in 2021-22: Honorable Ned Lamont, president; Andy F. Bessette; Mark L. Boxer; Charles F. Bunnell; Shari G. Cantor; Sanford Cloud Jr.; Joshua Crow (student trustee); Andrea Dennis-LaVigne; Damani Douglas (student trustee); Marilda L. Gandara; Jeanine A. Gouin; Bryan P. Hurlburt; David Lehman; Rebecca Lobo; Kevin J. O'Connor; Bryan K. Pollard; Thomas D. Ritter; Philip Rubin; Charlene Russell-Tucker; Daniel Toscano (chairman).