

University of Connecticut



At a Glance

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Established - 1881

Statutory authority - Chapter 185b, General Statutes

Main campus located on Route 195, Storrs, CT 06269

Number of full-time employees at the Main and Regional Campuses - 4,548

Number of full-time employees at UConn Health - 3,895

Recurring Operating Expenditures 2014-15 *unaudited

At the Main and Regional Campuses: \$1,219.6 million

At UConn Health: \$960.5 million

Organizational structure - Public State University

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 wellbeing 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

The University of Connecticut generates about \$3.4 billion worth of economic activity every year in the State, including more than 24,000 jobs and over \$202 million in tax revenue, according to a report by the national research and consulting firm Tripp Umbach.

Tripp Umbach, a national leader in economic impact analysis with past clients ranging from Penn State to the University of North Carolina to General Electric, used data from University sources to measure UConn's economic activity in fiscal year 2013.

The report assessed both direct economic impact – money spent by the institution itself – and indirect impact, which measures the re-spending of dollars within the local economy by businesses and households.

Among other significant findings, Tripp Umbach reports that:

- UConn generates \$1.5 billion in direct economic impact and \$1.9 billion in indirect impact;
- UConn supports about 24,235 jobs, both directly and indirectly, or one out of every 90 jobs in Connecticut;
- UConn generates around \$202 million in state and local tax revenues;
- Research at UConn is worth roughly \$373 million to the Connecticut economy; and
- Volunteering, donations, and charity care by the UConn community is worth \$54.2 million each year.

UConn Storrs generates \$1.7 billion worth of economic activity every year, along with \$1.4 billion at UConn Health; \$102 million, UConn Hartford; \$43 million, UConn Avery Point; \$25 million, UConn Stamford; \$17 million at UConn Waterbury; \$6 million, UConn Torrington.

Faculty Hiring Initiative

This year, we will continue our ongoing faculty hiring initiative, which has already brought us more than 160 new tenure or tenure-track faculty members over the course of the last two years. These new faculty have allowed UConn to expand course offerings for students (helping undergraduates to earn degrees on time), and will add tremendous strength to our research enterprise.

Since the faculty recruitment initiative began in 2011, class size has also decreased. The University's student-faculty ratio is now about 15.9 students per 1 faculty member. That's down from 18:1 in 2011, when trustees approved the hiring plan.

Under this year's hiring plan, about 4,000 people applied for positions, solidifying UConn's academic core and strengthening research and teaching in key fields – while reducing class size.

New UConn Faculty Members

- Psycholinguistics expert Gerry Altmann, cognitive science program
- Laser physicist Nora Berrah, physics
- Plant biologist Pamela Diggle, ecology and evolutionary biology
- Entrepreneurship expert Tim Folta, management
- Behavioral geography expert Kenneth Foote, geography
- Child anxiety expert Golda Ginsburg, psychiatry
- Creativity expert James Kaufman, educational psychology
- Additive manufacturing expert Leila Ladani, engineering
- International law and human rights scholar Molly Land, law
- Theoretical neuroscientist Ed Large, psychology
- Digital humanities expert Tom Scheinfeldt, digital media and design
- Mathematician Jerzy Weyman, mathematics
- China scholar Peter Zarrow, Asian American studies
- Biofabrication expert Ki H. Chon, biomedical engineering
- Corporate compliance expert Caroline Kaeb, human rights institute, law

The University's Flagship Campus in Storrs

UConn broke ground on numerous buildings in Storrs thanks to Next Generation Connecticut, the \$1.5 billion program Connecticut's leaders created to build new facilities, strengthening teaching and research capabilities.

The groundbreakings for new construction include a new Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) living and learning community residence hall, a new Engineering and Science Building, and the Innovation Partnership Building, the first building in the Storrs Tech Park.

In future years, major projects will include a new student recreation facility on the Storrs campus, which is slated to open in fall 2019. Much of this work will be guided by the campus Master Plan, which was finalized and released in May 2015. It is the first truly comprehensive blueprint for the growth of the University in the coming decades, which will be tied closely with the goals and priorities outlined in the long-term Academic Plan.

NextGen Connecticut Update

In January 2014, UConn trustees approved the start of planning for several building projects anticipated under Next Generation Connecticut.

The State is allocating \$1.5 billion over 10 years for capital projects to support curriculum and research expansions, putting the University's expertise to work to create and retain Connecticut jobs. The plan is anticipated to increase total UConn enrollment by up to 6,580, or about 30 percent, with almost 3,300 being STEM students.

In the Planning Stage

- A new STEM Research Center with labs and other critical research facilities in about 350,000 square feet of space, at a Storrs campus location yet to be determined. It's described as a keystone in the effort to fulfill Next Generation Connecticut's initiatives.
- A residence hall for STEM students, known as Next Gen Hall, is being constructed according to LEED silver certification standards, and is slated for completion by summer 2016. The \$79 million, 210,000 square-foot building will include a new learning community for students pursuing majors in the disciplines of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).
- The potential renovation of the Gant Math & Science Complex for STEM faculty offices and teaching facilities. The building dates to the early 1970s. It needs significant upgrades and its laboratories are inadequate for today's research, but University officials say it could be transformed into a valuable teaching and office building. The future of the nearby Torrey Life Sciences complex has yet to be determined.
- UConn will add a chilled water generator at the Central Utility Plant, increasing the capacity to allow new and existing buildings join the system.

Tech Park Development

In 2014, UConn's Board of Trustees approved budgets for two projects that will define North Campus in Storrs, an area bounded by Routes 44 and 195 and North Eagleville Road.

Trustees approved the \$162.3 million design budget for North Hillside Road Extension and for the Innovation Partnership Building; the first facility constructed as part of the UConn Technology Park. That initiative will draw on the University's years of strong industry partnerships and bring more world-class research to UConn. The design of the Innovation Partnership Building is 90 percent complete and University officials expect the project to go to bid in October; completion in 2017 is the goal.

When it's completed, the multi-story building will encompass about 112,000 square feet of space devoted to laboratories and specialized equipment for industry scientists and entrepreneurs who will work side-by-side with UConn researchers. An outside consulting firm estimated that the technology park will create between 1,000 and 1,300 jobs in its first decade; average salaries at similar tech parks around the country are roughly \$75,000.

Although initial work on the project began in late July, officials say the most intensive work won't begin until the spring of 2015. They estimate the road will be open for use by November 2015, with final completion coming by September 2016.

Monteith Building Renovation

This 73,000-square-foot renovation will become the new home for the Department of Math. It will also provide necessary swing space for other academic programs now housed in buildings that will be renovated later, such as the Gant Science Complex. With a budget of \$25 million, construction will begin in September 2015 and conclude by Summer 2016.

Putnam Refectory Renovation

This 42,000-square-foot dining hall is undergoing \$23 million in renovations to improve and increase its seating capacity and self-service buffet areas, making room for students who will live in the new STEM Residence Hall nearby. Construction will begin in September 2015, with completion targeted for Summer 2016.

UConn Health, Farmington

Bioscience Connecticut development on the UConn Health campus in Farmington has continued on time and on budget since ground was broken on the first of its capital improvements. To date, the projects have created nearly 2,300 construction jobs, and more than 80 percent of the contracts have been awarded to Connecticut companies.

Opened in early 2015, the new Outpatient Pavilion brings together a range of services with a focus on patient-centered care. The building contains 235 exam rooms, is staffed by 600 employees, and sees almost 4,000 visitors (patients and family members) per day.

The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine opened in October 2014 and its scientists are already collaborating with a wide array of UConn researchers to help tackle some of the world's most difficult diseases. Located on the lower campus of UConn Health, the newly constructed 183,500-square-foot building has four stories, 17 wet labs, 17 computational labs, and a 200-seat auditorium. It can accommodate 330 employees, and was designed with large, open suites to encourage the sharing of ideas among scientists, including those from UConn.

UConn Health now has ten locations across Connecticut with offices in Avon, Canton, East Hartford, Farmington, Plainville, Putnam, Simsbury, Southington, Storrs, and West Hartford.

UConn Health has recently received a top A-rating by the national Leapfrog Group in recognition of its high level of patient safety. It has been recognized by the Connecticut Hospital Association for excellence in the delivery of healthcare through the use of data. It has also been recognized by the American Heart Association for its fast and efficient care of patients experiencing heart attacks, as well as its ongoing excellence in the care of patients with heart failure.

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 Avery Point

Two large, outdated block buildings in the midst of campus that date to the 1930s and were once used by the U.S. Coast Guard are being demolished. Many of the utilities serving campus run through those connected buildings, making their removal more complicated than a normal demolition. With \$10 million allocated through Next Gen CT, however, they are expected to come down starting this fall, with completion targeted around the end of summer 2015. The area will then be transformed into a nicely landscaped green space more in keeping with the character of the waterfront campus.

UConn Hartford

UConn formalized plans to open a campus in downtown Hartford at a site anchored by the former Hartford Times building, moving from its West Hartford location. About 2,300 commuting students and 250 employees will be based at UConn Hartford, where classes are anticipated to begin in fall 2017. The move returns UConn to the capital city, where it had been located from its opening in 1939 until it moved in 1970 to the neighboring suburb.

In addition to the historic significance of the move, establishing UConn Hartford as a neighborhood campus includes integrating its offerings with the nearby Hartford Public Library, Wadsworth Atheneum, Connecticut Science Center, Connecticut Convention Center, and state and city government offices.

Other UConn programs, including the nearby Graduate Business Learning Center, the

Department of Public Policy, and the School of Social Work, will all be consolidated at the new campus.

The University will also add a master's degree program in engineering at the campus, along with expanded public policy, urban studies, and education programs.

Being located downtown is expected to offer new experiential learning opportunities for students. They will be closer to potential internships, service projects, and jobs in urban K-12 schools, government agencies, businesses, nonprofits, and other entities.

Public transportation in the region is plentiful, and UConn Hartford will have its own CT Transit stop at the campus. In addition, the University is talking with the bus company about the possibility of establishing a special pass for students, similar to those used by Trinity College students, to ride certain routes for free during the academic year.

UConn Stamford

New programs planned under Next Gen CT are expected to boost enrollment in business, digital media, and other programs. A public-private partnership has been created to provide rental housing for up to 400 students. The University received a variety of proposals earlier this year from property owners and developers, and is currently reviewing the options. If all remains on schedule, the housing would be available to rent starting in fall 2017.

UConn Torrington

The campus joined a higher education consortium with the city's nonprofit Five Points Gallery, focused on the professional development and education of visual artists. The arrangement provides UConn students the opportunity to network with students from the University of Hartford and Northwestern CT Community College. All are invited to learn how to run a gallery, the work of curating shows, and how to be gallery docents. The consortium also hosts portfolio review nights to provide feedback to local high school students interested in pursuing the visual arts as a career.

UConn Waterbury

A four-story historic building across the street from the downtown campus is being transformed from an empty shell into a collection of classrooms, meeting spaces, and study areas. An upscale coffee shop will also operate there when the renovated structure opens in the 2015-16 academic year.

University of Connecticut Undergraduates

At the beginning of the 2015-16 academic year, UConn welcomed the Class of 2019, its largest-ever freshman class made up of students who have demonstrated academic excellence and potential for success.

Although the number of high school graduates has decreased in the state and region, UConn is drawing an even larger slice of that shrinking pie – without compromising on its high acceptance standards and academic rigor. This year's nearly 35,000 applications for spots at Storrs set a new record high.

The University welcomed about 5,200 freshmen, including 3,800 at Storrs whose SAT scores place them among the most highly accomplished to join UConn in its history. About 1,100 students are also transferring to UConn from other colleges and universities, primarily from elsewhere in Connecticut. The Class of 2019 at Storrs had an average SAT score of 1233 – a significant increase over the 1221 average just five years ago.

UConn Experts on the Issues

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- Jennifer “Jif” Martin honored at the White House as a “Champion of Change” for sustainable and climate-smart agriculture.
- Douglas Adamson, associate professor of chemistry, is the lead PI on a \$1.2M grant awarded by the National Science Foundation.
- Steve Swallow, professor in agriculture and resource economics, received a \$500,000 award from the USDA for a project on water supply credits.
- Mike O’Neill, Associate Dean for Extension, received a \$400,000 award from the USDA and NRCS for a project on agricultural water security.
- Dr. Amy Anderson received the “2015 Inspiring Women in STEM” award.
- Jonathan Bobaljik, professor and department head in linguistics, has been named a 2016 Fellow of the Linguistics Society of America. Fellows are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the field of linguistics.
- Michael Zacchea, from the Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV) program, taught the Boots 2 Business program at the Groton Naval Sub Base.
- Yaakov Bar-Shalom, professor of electrical engineering, received the International Society for Information Fusion Award for a “Lifetime of Excellence in Information Fusion.” This is the first time this award has been given since the inception of ISIF in 1999.
- Professors Alexandra Lahav and Sachin Pandya submitted an amicus brief in a U.S. Supreme Court case, Tyson Foods v. Bouaphakeo, on Sept. 29, 2015. The case involves a challenge to the certification of a case as a class action under the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure and as a collective action under the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- Deborah Shelton, professor of nursing, was honored with the Jane E. Murdock Life Long Learning Award at CLN’s 25th Annual Nursing Leadership Convention.

Public Service

Neag's Impact on K-12 Education

* Select Examples

- With a \$250K grant from the German-American Fulbright Commission, the Neag School will host a cohort of professional educators from Germany for a 2-week course that builds upon the that builds upon the strategic plans of the Neag School & UConn to internationalize our academic programs. The theme of the program is diversity in U.S. education.
- The School launched a new PreK-to-Grade leadership development program in July in partnership w/CT Office of Early Childhood. The program seeks to educate & empower school administrators to invest in & promote the importance of early childhood education in their communities
- In August, Husky Sport hosted a panel of practitioners in Hartford to speak about trauma sensitive practices across disciplines, including the types of trauma that children face, and how we can best situate our programs to support children and families in the face of trauma.

Projects with the State

* Select Examples

State's Elderly Transitioning to Community

The State of Connecticut's Department of Social Services, with its state evaluator UConn's Center on Aging, successfully transitioned more than 2,200 older and disabled Connecticut residents from nursing homes and other institutions to their own home or a community setting between 2008 and 2014, as part of the federal "Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration."

The goal of this national effort is to reduce Medicaid's growing expenditures by rebalancing long-term care services from expensive institutional healthcare settings such as nursing homes to lower-cost community settings.

Business School to Offer Program for Voter Registrars

UConn's School of Business plays a critical role in the first professional development program for Connecticut's voter registrars, teaching the classes that will lead to certification. The program, launched in September, consists of eight classes addressing topics such as the legal role of the registrar, how to prepare for and execute Election Day, and various state and federal voting regulations. Each registrar has two years to complete the certification program, which culminates with a final exam.

Classes will be taught through the school's Connecticut Information Technology Institute (CITI), located at the Stamford campus, and registrars will be able to attend classes via live video feed at campuses throughout the state. There are 338 voter registrars in Connecticut.

Engineers Support Landmark Transportation Initiative

UConn and Connecticut's DOT have a long history of working together. With the launch of Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's landmark "Let's Go CT!" transportation upgrade, UConn scientists are playing key roles in helping to identify specific infrastructure needs and gathering information so officials can make well-informed decisions.

For the first time in 40 years, there will be a comprehensive state transportation survey. UConn engineers will survey 7,500 households statewide to capture people's travel habits. State transportation officials will also use data collected by UConn engineers to determine which highways and roadways are considered the most hazardous and in need of attention, based on the number of accidents and other reports.

UConn's contribution is not limited to research. The University's School of Engineering will play a vital role in training future engineers in the latest industry technologies to help support the improvement efforts and maintain the new transportation systems once they are in place.

UConn Cultural Offerings

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UConn Libraries exhibited the artwork of science illustrator Virge Kask representing 30 years of freelance natural science illustration, including 15 spent at UConn as the campus scientific illustrator.

UConn's Contemporary Art Galleries new exhibition "Painting @ The Very Edge of Art" features hybrid paintings by young artists demonstrating a noticeable interest in abstraction.

The Connecticut Repertory Theatre presents the docu-drama "The Laramie Project" which focuses on residents' reactions to the death of Matthew Shepard, a student at the University of Wyoming, who was left to die, tied to a fence on the outskirts of Laramie, Wyo.

The William Benton Museum of Art marked the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War with an exhibition focused on what the war was about and to the protests against the war and how artists responded to it.

The Connecticut Repertory Theatre, the producing arm of the Department of Dramatic Arts, presented its highest grossing summer season ever with *Les Miserable*, *Peter Pan* and *Xanadu*. *Les Miserable* starring Broadway's Terrence Mann, became the highest grossing production in CRT history.

UConn Experts in the Media

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USA Today	Fast Company
Washington Post	Sports Illustrated
Wall Street Journal	The Atlantic
New York Times	Fitness Magazine
All Africa	Business Insider
The Daily Mail (UK)	Inc. Magazine
Financial Times (UK)	TIME Magazine
Jerusalem Post	US News & World Report
National Geographic	Huffington Post
National Public Radio	Education Week
Clear Channel Radio	Inside Higher Ed
Voice of Russia	Chronicle of Higher Education
BBC	Harford Courant
CNN	Boston Globe
CBS News	New York Daily News
MSNBC	Los Angeles Times
PBS News Hour	Columbus Dispatch
ESPN	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Scientific American	Miami Herald
Nature	Seattle Times
The Economist	Detroit Free Press
Bioscience Technology	Baltimore Sun
Psych Central	Chicago Tribune
Forbes	
Associated Press	

Information Reported As 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.

Fall 2013 minority undergraduate enrollment at all campuses was 27 percent. Graduate and professional minority enrollment was 17 percent. Ninety-nine countries were represented among the international students, who comprised 20 percent of the graduate and professional students. Females comprised 50 percent of the undergraduate and 52 percent of the graduate/professional student populations.

The fall 2013 workforce for Storrs and regional campuses included 22 percent minority faculty and 17 percent minority staff. At UConn Health, the workforce included 29 percent minority faculty and 25 percent minority staff. Females comprised 39 percent of the faculty and 57 percent of the staff at Storrs and regional campuses. At UConn Health, 40 percent of the faculty and 77 percent of the staff were females.

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 for the initiative in the 2012 fiscal year. The firm had reached a similarly positive conclusion for the 2011 fiscal year. UCONN 2000 is a \$2.3 billion, 20-year state investment that was launched in 1995 to overhaul the University's aging and often deteriorating infrastructure by renovating and replacing outdated structures at all of its campuses. The new 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 and the Commissioners of Agriculture, Economic and Community Development, and Education.

Members of the Board of Trustees in 2015-16: Honorable Dannel P. Malloy, president; Lawrence D. McHugh, chairman; Louise M. Bailey, secretary; Andy F. Bessette; Charles Bunnell; Shari G. Cantor; Richard T. Carbray, Jr.; Sanford Cloud, Jr.; Andrea Dennis-LaVigne; Marilda L. Gandara; Mary Ann Handley; Jeremy L. Jelliff, student trustee; Thomas F. Kruger; Rebecca Lobo; Donny Marshall; Denis J. Nayden; Steven K. Reviczky; David Rifkin; Thomas D. Ritter; Catherine H. Smith; Dianna R. Wentzell.