

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 2021

At the Main and Regional Campuses: \$1,414.9 million
At UConn Health: \$1,277.4 million

Organizational Structure: Public State University

■ STAFF | FALL 2020

Number of Full-time & Part-time Faculty & Staff: 9,783

| | Main Campus/Regional | UConn Health |
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| Full-time & Part-time Faculty & Staff | 5,099 | 4,684 |
| Full-time Faculty & Staff | 4,907 (96%) | 3,621 (77%) |
| Part-time Faculty & Staff ¹ | 192 (4%) | 1,063 (23%) |
| Full-time Faculty | 1,597 | 547 |
| Tenured & Tenure Track | 1,144 (72%) | 175 (32%) |
| Non-Tenure Track | 453 (28%) | 372 (68%) |
| Full-time Staff | 3,310 | 3,074 |
| Full-time & Part-time Faculty | | |
| Female | 44% | 45% |
| Minority | 19% | 37% |
| Full-time & Part-time Staff | | |
| Female | 58% | 78% |
| Minority | 13% | 29% |

¹705 adjunct lecturers teach at least one course at Storrs and regional campuses.

Staff Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements:

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| 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

UConn and the COVID-19 Pandemic

The University's role in Connecticut's response to the COVID-19 pandemic was as varied and impactful as would be expected of a nationally recognized public research university. The most prominent aspect of this support was the role that doctors and nurses at UConn John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington played as frontline responders, but every aspect of the University was engaged in addressing the greatest challenge to our state and nation in at least a generation, from researchers to Extension educators to students.

As the state moved from the immediate crisis response to a "new normal" of widespread vaccination and cautious reopening of the economy, UConn was there not only to provide resources for the people of Connecticut, but to lead by example.

During the 2020-21 academic year, UConn administered more than 110,000 COVID-19 tests to students, faculty, and staff in an aggressive testing strategy that also utilized wastewater monitoring and pooled surveillance, making UConn one of the only universities in the country to use all three approaches. The testing approach enabled the University to identify more than 150 positive cases and prevent them from being introduced into the overall population prior to the spring 2021 semester.

UConn's Analytics and Information Management System, housed in the School of Nursing and led by Professor Alan Fontes, developed a tool called the Core Data Analytic Solution that crunched numbers ranging from daily COVID tests throughout the state to hospitalizations to unemployment claims as part of the state's phased reopening process. CDAS was praised by Connecticut Chief Data Officer Scott Gaul and Chief Information Officer Mark Raymond for being instrumental in providing policymakers with up-to-the-minute information needed for a strategic return to normalcy.

Following a December 2020 executive order by Gov. Ned Lamont that authorized pharmacists to administer COVID-19 vaccines, the UConn School of Pharmacy offered its expertise, including a 21 hour course training physicians in administering vaccines, and providing some 350 trained upper division students to administer vaccines as well.

In April 2021, UConn Health associate professors of psychiatry Damion Grasso and Margaret Briggs-Gowan have received a \$3.1 million grant from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to study pandemic-related experiences and stress among families who have given birth during the pandemic.

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.

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 June 2021, the National Science Foundation awarded a grant of \$40 million to the UConn School of Medicine for the establishment of the Network for Advanced Nuclear Magnetic Resonance, the largest single research award in the University's history.

This came on the heels of the unprecedented success of fiscal year 2020, during which researchers from UConn and UConn Health secured roughly \$286 million in research and other types of sponsored funding, the highest single-year tally in University history.

UConn's research apparatus enabled the University to provide invaluable assistance to the state during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Office of the Vice President for Research launched a rapid grant program for UConn researchers working on pandemic-related topics starting in the spring of 2020.

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.

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. Construction is scheduled to be completed by summer 2022.

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.

Husky Athletic Village

In spring 2021, construction was completed on a long overdue updating of a key component of UConn's Athletics District. The new athletic village includes Elliot Ballpark, a brand-new baseball stadium that seats 1,500; Joseph J. Morrone Stadium in the Rizza Family Soccer Complex, with a capacity of 4,000; and Burrill Family Field, home of UConn Softball. 2020. All three facilities are supported by a world-class performance center that contains locker rooms, athletic training

facilities, and strength and conditioning facilities.

Investment in the Future

The Flagship Campus

More than 38,000 high school students applied to join UConn's Class of 2025, an all-time high which is all the more remarkable given the uncertainties introduced across higher education by the COVID-19 pandemic. Roughly 77 percent of the undergraduate student body consists of Connecticut residents, a proportion expected to remain steady beginning in the Fall of 2021.

Storrs Freshmen

Approximately 3,700 new freshmen joined the Class of 2025 at Storrs, along with about 660 students transferring from other colleges and universities. Roughly 90% of the residential living space on campus will be occupied during this academic year, up from 50% in the previous year. The ability of students to return to on-campus living is thanks in large part to the University's effort to ensure vaccination against the COVID-19 virus, with 94% of students planning to live on campus having been fully vaccinated.

This is the most diverse class in history, with nearly 46% students of color. Nearly 20% of the incoming student class identifies as Hispanic or Latino, an all-time high for the University. Students in this class hail from 157 of Connecticut's 169 towns, along with 42 states and 17 countries.

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

Regional Freshmen

Roughly 1,800 freshmen will join the Class of 2025 at UConn's regional campuses. They will be joined by some 200 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 53% students of color.

UConn Health

Fiscal year 2021 presented both opportunities and challenges for UConn Health, Connecticut's only public academic medical center.

The COVID-19 pandemic drastically altered normal operations at the medical center, halting outpatient visits and non-essential surgeries in the spring of 2020, during which UConn Health was losing roughly \$1 million per day in lost patient revenue.

However, as a public academic medical center, UConn Health was well situated to provide invaluable service to the people of Connecticut, both in terms of frontline medical care during the worst days of the pandemic, and in academic research on everything from vaccines to masks to infection control procedures that were adopted by dental care providers nationwide.

UConn Health received its first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines in December, with CEO Dr. Andrew Agwunobi the first employee to receive the “jab.” Two UConn Health faculty members were chosen to serve on Gov. Ned Lamont’s COVID-19 Vaccine Advisory Group, helping steer policy and implementation throughout the state: Dr. David Banach, Associate Professor and Hospital Epidemiologist at UConn Health, was named as co-chair of the science subcommittee, and Zita Lazzarini, JD, MPH, Associate Professor, Director, Social and Behavioral Sciences and Director, Division of Public Health Law and Bioethics in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the UConn School of Medicine, was named co-chair of the allocation subcommittee.

Among other major grants received by UConn Health researchers, the UConn Center on Aging received a \$7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish a Claude Pepper Center Older Americans Independence Center at UConn. The new center, which will be one of only 14 in the country, will be devoted to helping older Connecticut citizens maintain their independence.

In the realm of education, in May 2021 UConn Health celebrated its 50th commencement ceremony for the 259 graduating students from across UConn School of Dental Medicine, UConn School of Medicine, and its UConn Graduate School programs at Rentschler Field in East Hartford. The Class of 2021 includes 107 M.D. and 47 DMD students, bringing the total of UConn Health-produced physicians to 3,874 and 1,845 dentists since 1972.

In August 2021, 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 2025. UConn School of Medicine was just named by U.S. & News Report as one of the top 10 medical schools in the nation for diversity of its student body. UConn’s African American medical students represent 11.8% of the student body, well above the national average of 6%. Further, the School of Medicine’s population of underrepresented individuals in medicine has steadily grown to 23%. 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. UConn School of Law ranks among the top 10 “law schools that pay off” when student debt is compared to starting salaries, according to a new analysis by *U.S. News & World Report*. The average student debt among UConn Law graduates is the lowest in the Northeast.

In fiscal year 2021, UConn Law established the Constance Belton Green Fund, the first fund at the school to support diversity, racial, and social justice initiatives, including scholarships, programming, and faculty support. The school also expanded its LLM program to create a new LLM in Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance, which will enhance legal professionals’ knowledge, expertise, and professional opportunities in these growing areas.

In June, UConn School of Law Professor Richard Wilson was named to Gov. Ned Lamont’s newly created Connecticut Hate Crimes Advisory Council, a council whose two co-chairs are both UConn Law alumni.

Another recent alumnus, David K. Ware ’20 LLM, was instrumental in the passage of a new state law requiring the elimination of racially discriminatory language from town property records. Ware wrote a law journal article about the subject after discovering his family home’s deed included a

clause restricting the sale of the house to whites, and lobbied for the introduction and passage of the new legislation, which took effect starting July 1, 2021.

In May 2021, UConn Law celebrated its 98th commencement at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, awarding 139 Juris Doctor degrees, 49 Master of Laws degrees, and one Doctor of the Science of Laws degree.

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. This year, 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.

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 is excited to begin offering an allied health sciences program beginning fall 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 2020-21, U.S. News & World Report list and marking its ninth consecutive year in the Top 25.

UConn was ranked No. 7 among the best universities for students with disabilities by College Choice, and No. 9 among universities for students with learning disabilities by College Magazine.

The UConn School of Business’s MBA program was ranked the 16th best in the country among public universities by the Financial Times, the highest-ever ranking for the program.

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

Fifteen UConn Huskies – including current students and alumni – represented six nations at the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, and one alumnae was UConn’s first ever athlete to compete for the United States in the Paralympic Games.

UConn Experts Inform Public Dialogue

A critical role of faculty is using their research and expertise to help inform the public about

the major issues of the day.

The University's official news site, UConn Today, received more than 2 million unique views in fiscal year 2021 for its 800+ stories, videos, and photo galleries, more than doubling the amount of views from two years ago.

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 2021, there were more than 250 placements in national media outlets, and over 500 in state media outlets.

We have published more than 2,000 national news hits a year to "UConn in the News" and used them to pitch the expertise of the faculty through social media.

Forty-six new essays and opinion pieces by UConn faculty members in fiscal year 2021 received more than 2.4 million views in external media, via a partnership with The Conversation, an outlet that works with national media to provide expert university perspective.

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 2020-21: Honorable Ned Lamont, president; Andy F. Bessette; Mark L. Boxer; Charles F. Bunnell; Shari G. Cantor; Sanford Cloud Jr.; Andrea Dennis-LaVigne; Justin Fang (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); Ethan Werstler (student

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