

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 2024**

**At the Main and Regional Campuses: \$1,683.6 million**

**At UConn Health: \$1,653.8 million**

**Organizational Structure: Public State University**

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### Number of Full-time & Part-time Faculty & Staff: 10,609

	Main Campus/Regional	UConn Health
Full-time & Part-time Faculty & Staff	<b>5,314</b>	<b>5,295</b>
Full-time Faculty & Staff	5,123 (96%)	4,090 (77%)
Part-time Faculty & Staff <sup>1</sup>	191 (4%)	1,205 (23%)
Full-time Faculty	<b>1,659</b>	<b>601</b>
Tenured & Tenure Track	1,140 (69%)	183 (30%)
Non-Tenure Track	519 (31%)	418 (70%)
Full-time Staff	<b>3,464</b>	<b>3,489</b>
Full-time & Part-time Faculty		
Female	47%	48%
Minority	24%	39%
Full-time & Part-time Staff		
Female	57%	79%
Minority	17%	31%

<sup>1</sup> An additional 767 adjunct lecturers teach at least one course at Storrs and Regional Campuses.

### Faculty and Staff Covered by Collective Bargaining Agreements

Main Campus & Regional Campuses	92%
UConn Health	88%

## 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 \$7.8 billion to Connecticut's economy every year.**

That includes more than 46,600 private and public sector jobs

For every dollar spent by UConn, \$1.40 in economic output is generated elsewhere in Connecticut

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

UConn generates more than \$625 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 770 U.S. patents have been granted based on UConn innovations, with more than 120 new patent applications filed in Fiscal Year 2023.

More than \$1.3 billion has been raised by UConn TIP incubator companies since 2003. In FY23, eight new faculty startups alone raised more than \$10.4 million.

Nearly 4,306 jobs in Connecticut are generated by UConn research, which is worth roughly \$747 million in total economic impact.

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

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

### **Investment in Research**

In the 2023-24 fiscal year, the research enterprise at UConn and UConn Health recorded \$367 million in sponsored program awards, an increase of roughly \$45 million over the previous year, and more than \$70 million compared to FY18. UConn's research funding exceeds many of its peer R1 institutions in the Northeast, including all flagship public universities in New England, Stony Brook, Syracuse, Tufts, and more.

In an example of research funding driving programs that address real-world problems, UConn recently secured a \$10 million grant from the Environmental Protection Administration to become the New England region's Environmental Justice–Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center (EJ-TCTAC). One of 17 regional centers selected in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, EJ-TCTAC will build capacity in New England in underserved and rural/remote communities to address environmental and energy justice concerns, serving as a resource and technical assistance hub

In addition, 2024 expenditures - a critical metric used to assess research productivity at colleges and universities nationwide - reached \$342 million, setting a UConn record.

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 Community**

In October 2023, Elisabeth DeLuca '69 made a gift of \$40 million—the largest in the University's history for any purpose—that will position the School of Nursing to be a leader in combating the state and national nursing shortage and will be transformational for the profession. DeLuca's gift will provide scholarships and programmatic support for a dynamic nursing education that includes patient-centered practice, interdisciplinary research, and technology-based innovations. It will also support the construction of a new state-of-the-art facility for the School of Nursing in Storrs.

A team of UConn faculty and staff won a \$5 million grant from the federal Environmental Protection Agency to provide technical assistance to communities encountering the challenges of assessment, cleanup, and revitalization at brownfield sites while protecting public health and promoting environmental justice.

A \$4.6 million grant from the federal Department of Energy in June 2024 will help UConn and the University of Albany jointly launch an effort to improve the resilience of the power grid in the northeastern U.S. in the face of increasingly severe weather events.

UConn won a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy aimed at increasing the use of smart technologies in dozens of small and mid-sized businesses throughout Connecticut.

In September 2023, faculty and staff from the UConn Collaboratory on School and Child Health (CSCH) and the UConn Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health provided a free professional development day for school staff from throughout Connecticut to learn how to strengthen school practices to promote whole child development.

UConn Extension's Leaders of Color in Conservation training program, funded by a federal grant, launched in summer 2023 to provide professional development for people of color to serve as leaders in conservation for their communities.

The UConn Collaboratory on School and Child Health and the UConn Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health were awarded a five-year, \$2 million cooperative agreement from the CDC to protect and improve the health and well-being of school-age children and adolescents in Connecticut, and are partnering with East Hartford schools for the initiative.

HuskyTHON, the annual dance marathon that is New England's largest student-run philanthropy effort, raised over \$1.7 million to benefit Connecticut Children's Medical.

### **Investment in Facilities**

## **Connecticut Hall**

At the end of August, the newest residence hall on campus opened its doors to students. Connecticut Hall, located in the south campus area, has 656 beds for students and a 500-seat dining facility. The 257,000-square-foot facility – the first new residence hall opened in Storrs since 2016 - will also serve as a living laboratory for sustainability approaches including geothermal wells, advanced energy and water conservation methods, and other green technologies.

## **Regional Campus Student Housing**

In May, the Board of Trustees voted to approve a plan to lease space in downtown Hartford that will provide housing for approximately 220 students by Fall 2026, pending approval by the state bond commission. The move is one of many in which UConn is working to deepen its ties with the capital city, where the University is also refurbishing space near the XL Center for academic and research use, and is opening a café for students in fall 2025 in the Hartford Times main campus building.

In addition, the board began a formal process to request proposals for construction of housing for between 150 and 220 students at UConn Avery Point. UConn already owns three parcels of land where the housing is possible: A preferred one-acre location within the core of the Avery Point campus and two larger parcels north of Shennecossett Road, across the street from the campus entrances.

## **Investment in Entrepreneurship**

Through initiatives like the Werth Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, the Entrepreneurship Boot Camp for Veterans, and the Boucher Department of Management and Entrepreneurship, UConn supports 71 startup companies which combined have nearly \$200 million in funding; more than 1,100 entrepreneurs and 950 ventures; and more than \$60 million raised in follow-on funding.

For the first time, in 2023 UConn was named an Innovation and Economic Prosperity University by the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. The designation honors the University's research prowess, public and private partnerships, capacity for invention and discovery, and effectiveness in creating jobs. Additionally, it celebrates UConn's economic and community development, support for talent and workforce development, and technology transfer.

In May 2023, QuantumCT – a partnership with Yale which is designed to establish Connecticut as the nation's leader in developing quantum technologies for use in real-world applications – won a prestigious \$1 million development grant from the National Science Foundation. Since its founding, QuantumCT has built a complex and extensive network of partners, hailing from Connecticut's education, science, industrial, governmental, and community sectors, and is currently developing plans for a "Regional Innovations Engine," which aims to build an innovation ecosystem in Connecticut focused on quantum technologies.

In 2023, UConn was ranked in the Top 50 for both undergraduate and graduate entrepreneurship programs by the Princeton Review.

UConn entrepreneur Jasdeep Singh '21 MBA won the 15th Annual SXSW Festival's Food, Nutrition, and Health category, beating nearly 1,000 applicants and 45 finalists, for his company, STMPatch.

Two faculty members were named to the National Academy of Inventors.

A team of three undergraduates from the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources placed first in the national Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) Student Food Marketing Challenge in December 2023.

BrewConn, a student-created beer made by Southington's Kinsmen Brewing, debuted in November 2023.

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

The School of Fine Arts strengthened its reputation as a regional hub for dynamic art and culture with performances, exhibitions, and programs that extended far beyond the boundaries of campus into communities around the state.

Among the highlights of the year were the awarding of a regional Emmy to the UConn Stamford student filmmakers who produced the UConn Reels series of documentary shorts for Connecticut Public Broadcasting; a second consecutive Telly Award for Feel Your Best Self, a collaborative project of the Ballard Institute and the Collaboratory on School and Child Health in the Neag School of Education; an exhibition of photographs from the Connecticut River Valley at UConn Avery Point by faculty member and Guggenheim Fellow Janet Pritchard; the premiere of "A Double Life," a documentary film about Connecticut attorney Stephen Bingham by faculty member Catherine Masud; the "Symphony of Colors" art exhibit at Ferguson Library in Stamford; the launch of the new Education Space at the Benton Museum of Art, which works with groups from local schools to learn about the arts; the production of a documentary about the lives of Connecticut Latino families by Emmy-winning UConn Stamford faculty member Oscar Guerra; a Grammy nomination for faculty member Kenneth Fuchs, who composed the album "Cloud Slant"; and the honoring of undergraduate tenor saxophonist Michael Farina as one of Downbeat Magazine's Outstanding Performers, the only tenor saxophonist in the world to be named.

### **Investment in the Future**

Nine out of 10 members of the Class of 2023 had, within six months of graduating, either begun full-time employment, started graduate school, or entered military service, matching the highest percentage of favorable post-graduation outcomes since the University began tallying them in 2016. Roughly 75% of in-state graduates chose to remain in Connecticut after graduating, while 18% of those who came from out of state remained in the Nutmeg State for work, and 38% remained for graduate education.

In FY24, UConn allocated more than \$283 million in student financial aid, significantly lessening the burden of tuition and fees for families. That figure is an increase of nearly \$25 million from the FY23 financial aid number. State law requires UConn to set aside 15% for tuition revenue for need-based aid, but UConn voluntarily exceeds this each year.

Almost 70% of UConn students receive gift aid in the form of grants and scholarships they do not have to repay.

## **The Flagship Campus**

More than 56,700 high school students applied to join UConn's Class of 2028, an all-time high and the first time the number of applicants was above 50,000. The figure is an increase of nearly 500% since 1996, when the UConn 2000 program began. The applicant pool's diversity is also again at an all-time high, with strong interest from underrepresented racial and ethnic populations and students who would be the first in their families to attend college. Applications came from all 169 towns in Connecticut, and roughly 70% of the undergraduate student body consists of Connecticut residents. First-year student applications to Storrs have increased 18% in just the past two years, and 21.5% in that same time to the campuses in Hartford, Stamford, Avery Point, and Waterbury.

## **Storrs First-Year Students**

Approximately 4,500 new students joined the Class of 2028 at Storrs, along with about 2,000 first-year students joining the regional campuses in Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, and Waterbury – the largest entering class in UConn history. The total number of undergraduates at all campuses in the current fiscal year is about 24,900, with more than 19,800 at Storrs.

Among UConn's Class of 2028, about 35% of students are the first generation in their families to attend college – up from 32% last year – and 148 led their high school graduating classes as valedictorians or salutatorians.

About 27% of the incoming first-year Storrs students come from races or ethnicities that are traditionally underrepresented in higher education, a category that includes Black, Hispanic/Latino, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, American Indian, and Alaska native students.

Overall, more than 46% of the newcomers are students of color, a category that includes the underrepresented students along with Asian populations. The highly talented incoming class also includes 600 first-year students whose achievements earned them a spot in the highly competitive Honors Program.

First-year students from Connecticut come from 157 of the state's 169 towns and cities, with the overall UConn student body comprising almost 70% from in-state. The first-time students joining UConn from elsewhere this year originate from 37 states and 77 countries.

Of the approximately 4,500 new first-year students expected to enroll at Storrs for the Class of 2028, there will be notable areas of growth in nursing, fine arts, and several other disciplines along with the traditionally high numbers in business, engineering, and liberal arts fields.

### **Regional First-Year Students**

Roughly 2,000 first-year students will join the Class of 2028 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 470 students live in residential facilities at UConn Stamford.

The members of the regional first-year class come from incredibly diverse backgrounds ethnically and geographically, with more than 50% being students of color.

### **UConn Health**

UConn Health was fully recovered from the massive disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic in FY24, recording increases in the number of patients choosing UConn John Dempsey Hospital; its pharmacy operations; UConn Health's physician practices; and related services amid the competitive health care landscape.

Notably, patient revenue increased from \$830 million in FY23 to more than \$918.5 million in FY24. With that increase, UConn Health has more than doubled its patient revenue in the past decade. Furthermore, with the state now adopting a budget-neutral change in methodology in regards to employee fringe benefits, the risk of future increases

to the costs of those unfunded liabilities has been removed from UConn Health (as well as UConn), putting it on firmer budgetary footing for the future.

Accolades for UConn Health in Fiscal Year 2024 include being chosen as the first health system in Connecticut by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to operate a new pilot program called the Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience (GUIDE) Model for patients with dementia and their caregivers; an eighth consecutive “Get With The Guidelines – Stroke Gold Plus” designation and tenth consecutive Mission: Lifeline-STEMI Receiving Center – Gold award from the American Heart Association; the Innovation Award, a special distinction recognizing exceptional public sector sustainability innovation, from the GreenerGov CT Awards; the Quality and Practice in Innovation Award from the national Society of Internal General Medicine; a seventh consecutive ‘A’ rating for patient safety from by the nonprofit watchdog The Leapfrog Group; for the third consecutive year, Newsweek named UConn John Dempsey Hospital a World’s Best Hospital. UConn’s teaching hospital is one of only five Connecticut hospitals to make the ranking; the American Heart Association redesignated UConn Health a HeartSafe Campus, the only hospital in the state with this designation.

Community service continued to be a core feature of UConn Health’s mission, with some of the initiatives and developments in FY24 including, in June 2024, the Urban Service Track/AHEC Scholars program for medical students reaching the milestone of \$1 million in providing free health care screenings, health promotion education, and referrals to dental and medical safety net agencies in Connecticut; 33 School of Dental Medicine students and five faculty members volunteered for a free, two-day Remote Area Medical dental clinic in Willimantic; in February 2024, UConn’s cross-campus Indoor Air Quality Initiative gifted 100 miniature, portable air purifiers to the Newington Veteran’s Administration Medical Center to help bring relief to its neurology patients who suffer from headaches; at the 2023 Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs Stand Down event, volunteer students from the School of Dental Medicine provided free oral health screenings and education to hundreds of veterans.

In the realm of education, in May 2024 UConn Health celebrated its 53rd commencement ceremony for the 221 graduating students from across UConn School of Dental Medicine, UConn School of Medicine, and its UConn Graduate School programs. The Class of 2024 includes 98 M.D. and 48 DMD students, bringing the total of UConn Health-produced physicians to 4,185 and 1,993 dentists since 1972.

In August 2024, UConn School of Medicine and UConn School of Dental Medicine welcomed two of their largest classes ever, with 112 donning white coats for the School of Medicine (from an applicant pool of more than 4,600) and 51 dental students enrolling in the Class of 2028. Eighty-one percent of the future doctors in the School of Medicine are Connecticut natives, and a third of them earned their undergraduate degrees at UConn. 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 September 2023, the School of Law acquired the former McKenzie Hall, adjacent to its campus and formerly part of Hartford Seminary. The new building will house the law school's seven legal clinics along with related offices, and the Connecticut Community Law Center.

In May 2024, UConn Law celebrated its 101st commencement, awarding 150 Juris Doctor degrees, 62 Master of Laws degrees, and one doctor of the science of laws degree. Three students graduated with dual degrees, and a remarkable 18% of the JD class will head directly into federal or state judicial clerkships.

## **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.

**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**

Ranking highly in affordability, the average time it takes students to earn degrees, and the value a degree adds to graduates' salaries, UConn was ranked 46<sup>th</sup> overall by the Wall Street Journal, the second highest ranking of any Connecticut school and higher than many peer institutions across the U.S. That ranking puts UConn at #9 overall among all public universities in the country in the Journal's rankings, which were updated in 2023 to reflect how universities impact students' lives before and after graduation.

UConn was ranked No. 26 among national public universities in the 2023-24 U.S. News & World Report list, marking 12 years in the Top 30.

For the first time, four graduate programs within UConn's Neag School of Education were ranked among the best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report's 2024 Best Education Schools: special education, educational psychology, educational administration, and curriculum and instruction.

The UConn School of Public Policy, within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, had two programs ranked highly by US News: Public Affairs and Public Financing and Budgeting. The latter program is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> best in the country, while Public Affairs climbed six places from 2023, landing at the 39<sup>th</sup> spot among all public affairs programs in the US. That puts the Public Financing and Budgeting program at the top spot in New England, with Public Affairs ranking at number two in the region.

UConn's Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences has long been renowned for its education, research, clinical practice, and public outreach missions, and the 2024 U.S. News & World Report rankings reflect its impressive national reputation. The department is the only one of its kind in the region with both Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology programs ranked in the top 20% of programs nationally. The Audiology program was ranked 19<sup>th</sup> best in the country, while Speech-Language Pathology was ranked 39<sup>th</sup> best of all such programs in the US.

U.S. News & World Report's national rankings of graduate schools of social work had the UConn School of Social Work (SSW) ranked at No. 28. That ranking, which is up from No. 36, puts the UConn SSW among the top 9% of graduate social work programs nationally.

The UConn School of Business' part-time MBA program, known as the FLEX MBA, as among the top graduate business programs in the nation.

The UConn program now ranks at No. 33 in the nation according to the new rankings, up from No. 37 last year – and a significant increase from the No. 70 ranking in 2018-19.

For the first time in University history, UConn was recognized as one of the top producers of Fulbright U.S. Student Program award recipients, with 10 students chosen as Fulbright Scholars for 2023-24.

Physics Professor Nora Berrah became the seventh UConn faculty member in University history to be named to the National Academy of Sciences. Board of Trustees Distinguished Professor Douglas Casa was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame. Four UConn faculty members were elected fellows to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the largest general scientific society in the world and the publisher of the Science family of journals.

UConn School of Law rose 16 points to reach a rank of 55 in the 2023 U.S. News & World Report rankings, and the school's part-time Evening Division program advanced 9 points to No. 10 in the nation.

The UConn School of Dental Medicine placed No. 9 out of 70 dental schools in the United States in research funding from the National Institute of Health agency's institutes of the federal agency's institutes and centers combined.

Ten UConn students were named Gilman Scholars by the U.S. State Department; junior Tae'Niajha Pullen was named a Newman Civics Fellow; fourth-year medical student Lily Zhong won an unprecedented second consecutive Edward Henderson Student Award from the American Geriatrics Society; 10 students won coveted National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships; junior Neo Lin was named a U.S. Congressional Goldwater Scholar;

In April 2024, the UConn men's basketball team became national champions for the sixth time in school history, defeating Purdue in the final game of the NCAA tournament. This was the first time since 2006-07 that a men's basketball team has won consecutive national championships.

### **UConn Contributes to Public Dialogue**

The University's official news site, UConn Today, received more than 2.5 million unique views in Fiscal Year 2024 for its roughly 600 stories, videos, and photo galleries, an increase of 4% 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, Politico, Bloomberg, the Chicago Tribune, the Boston Globe, the Wall Street Journal, the Atlantic Monthly, the New Yorker, CNN, the Chronicle of Higher Education, NPR, the Guardian, the Times of Israel, and numerous others. In Fiscal Year 2024, there were nearly 150 placements in national media outlets, and more than 400 in state media outlets.

Sixteen new essays and opinion pieces by UConn faculty members in Fiscal Year 2024 received more than 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 2023, UConn had roughly 594,000 followers across Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and TikTok, with more than 209 million impressions for content posted on those platforms, and more than 6.6 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 2023-24: Honorable Ned Lamont, president; Andy F. Bessette; Mark L. Boxer; Charles F. Bunnell; Shari G. Cantor; Sanford Cloud Jr.; Andrea Dennis-LaVigne; Sean Dunn (student trustee); Marilda L. Gandara; Jeanine A. Gouin; Joy Hamer (student trustee); Bryan P. Hurlburt; Rebecca Lobo; Daniel H. O'Keefe; Kevin J. O'Connor; Bryan K. Pollard; Thomas D. Ritter; Philip Rubin; Charlene Russell-Tucker; Daniel Toscano (chairman).

