RESEARCH AT UCONN

From the Vice President for Research

As one of the nation’s top public research universities, UConn is home to some of the most active researchers, scholars, and artists in the country. The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) is proud to provide faculty with the resources and services they need to conduct superior research that leads to discoveries and innovations for the good of our state, the nation, and the world.

At the heart of UConn’s research enterprise are the innovative faculty, staff, and students who work hard every day to fuel growth and drive discovery. Through a dynamic, strategic approach, the OVPR invests in resources and services that help our research community succeed. From single faculty investigator projects to large-scale interdisciplinary collaborations, partnerships with industry, or high-potential, university-driven startups—we are here to help.

I strongly encourage you to explore our website and contact OVPR staff to learn more about the resources, programs, and services available to support UConn’s research community.

Thank you for your continued contributions to UConn’s success as a leading research institution. We look forward to supporting you in your future research activities!

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OUR SERVICES

OVPR staff are here to help you with all your research needs, including:

• Research Support & Development
• Grant Proposal Support
• Award Management
• Research Compliance
• Core Research Facilities
• Technology Commercialization
• Venture Development & Entrepreneurship
• UConn’s Technology Incubation Program (TIP)
• UConn Tech Park
• Research Communications
• More

We are here to help!
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FUEL YOUR RESEARCH

UConn is committed to supporting our faculty in their efforts to expand knowledge and creativity, be more competitive, and win funding. To achieve this goal, the OVPR implements creative research development strategies to grow UConn’s research enterprise. This includes sponsorship of grantwriting workshops, funding faculty travel grants in partnership with AAUP, hosting team-building events with industry partners, and providing access to customized proposal preparation support, among other things.

The OVPR also recognizes how critical seed grants can be to keep promising projects moving forward. We provide financial and operational support for several internal funding competitions to help such projects attract extramural awards. These internal funding programs include:

- Convergence Awards for Research in Interdisciplinary Centers (Storrs/UConn Health)
- Program in Accelerated Therapeutics for Healthcare (Storrs/UConn Health)
- Research Excellence Program (Storrs/UConn Health)
- Scholarship and Collaboration in Humanities and Arts Research Program (Storrs)
- Scholarship Facilitation Fund (Storrs)
- SPARK Technology Commercialization Fund (Storrs/UConn Health)
- START Preliminary Proof of Concept Fund (Storrs/UConn Health)
- STEAM Innovation Grant (Storrs/UConn Health)

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SUBMIT PROPOSALS & MANAGE AWARDS

Sponsored Program Services (SPS) assists faculty with the administration of sponsored program activities to reduce administrative burdens on researchers and department staff. Our goal is to help faculty win more grants and provide comprehensive pre- and post-award services, including:

- Budget development assistance and review
- Proposal review and submission
- Industry contract review and negotiation
- Guidance and consultation on grant-related questions
- Assistance with intercampus award applications
- Set up of new grant and contract awards and related budgets in UConn’s accounting system
- Assistance with budget adjustments
- Final financial report preparation
- Proposal preparation and award management support through a shared service program (Faculty Services) to participating Schools and Colleges

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STAY COMPLIANT

Research Compliance Services (RCS) provides training and support to ensure that faculty, students, and staff remain in compliance while conducting the innovative work that makes UConn a world-class research institution. RCS works with faculty oversight committees to ensure compliance with regulations relating to research involving:

- Human subjects (IRB)
- Vertebrate animal subjects (IACUC)
- Recombinant DNA (IBC)
- Stem cells (SCRO)
- Financial Conflict of Interest (FCOIRC)

RCS can also help faculty stay compliant with export control regulations and policies. RCS staff are always available to answer your compliance questions.

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STAY SAFE

Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) provides comprehensive services to keep the UConn community out of harm’s way. EHS delivers safety training, assesses workplace risks, and manages hazardous materials and waste—all to ensure that UConn faculty, students, staff, and visitors stay safe.

Please contact EHS for help with matters relating to:

- Biological Health & Safety
- Chemical Health & Safety
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Radiation Safety

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WORK WITH ANIMALS

Animal Care Services is available to assist faculty with animal-related research questions and services, such as animal husbandry and veterinary care for research vertebrate animals.

In partnership with the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Animal Care Services has university-wide responsibilities to help faculty with the development and review of protocols, facility inspections, and training.

Services include:

- Veterinary care
- IACUC protocol assistance
- Facility orientation and training
- Husbandry
- On-campus animal transport
- Drug orders

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COMMERCIALIZING

The expert staff in the OVPR’s Technology Commercialization Services group (TCS) helps faculty with all of their commercialization questions and needs. Among its primary goals, TCS aims to grow research and development activities at all UConn campuses by supporting collaborations, translational research, and entrepreneurial activities that bring economic benefit to our state and nation. TCS provides several services to help faculty at each step in the commercialization process:

- Secure patent protection for new technologies
- Help to move UConn discoveries towards the market through new company formation or licensing
- Facilitate partnerships with industry
- Help form cross-disciplinary collaborations
- Drive entrepreneurial activities and education at UConn
- Provide incubation space and mentoring services in Farmington and Storrs

**UConn Innovation Portal** (innovation.uconn.edu) is a gateway to the University’s technology commercialization activities. Whether you are a researcher, entrepreneur, or investor, the Innovation Portal shares information about programs, resources, and staff who help turn leading-edge research into products and companies.

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ACCESS RESOURCES

Core research facilities provide highly specialized services, equipment, and staff that would otherwise be too expensive for a single laboratory or department to maintain. A variety of research cores are available to UConn faculty, including those housed in the Center for Open Research Resources and Equipment (COR²E):

- Flow Cytometry
- Confocal Microscopy
- Protein X-ray Crystallography
- Microbial Analysis, Resources and Services
- Biological Mass Spectrometry
- Laboratory Reagent and Supply Program
- Technical Services (instrument repair and custom design/fabrication)

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COLLABORATE – CROSS CAMPUS

Important and impactful research often transcends a given program or discipline. UConn recognizes the value of connecting faculty from different departments, campuses, and programs to form interdisciplinary research teams. The OVPR has developed several tools to help UConn faculty connect, form research teams, and tackle major projects that cross disciplines and fields.

**Lincus** (lincus.uconn.edu) is a web-based tool that allows members of UConn’s research community to find other faculty for research collaborations. Based on faculty members’ journal publications, Lincus lets you find experts and assemble more competitive teams for future research projects.

**Resources** (ovpr.uconn.edu/services/cross-campus) Working with colleagues across the river at UConn Health shouldn’t be a challenge. The OVPR provides resources and services to make all aspects of cross-campus collaboration run more smoothly.

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COLLABORATE – CENTERS & INSTITUTES

80+ centers and institutes at UConn and UConn Health are hubs for cutting-edge research and innovative scholarship. Focused on tackling some of the greatest challenges facing society today, researchers from UConn’s centers and institutes collaborate to be more competitive and achieve more. Some of the University’s most active research centers and institutes include:

- Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP)
- UTC Institute for Advanced Systems Engineering (UTC-IASE)
- Institute for Systems Genomics (ISG)
- Pratt & Whitney Additive Manufacturing Center (PW AMC)
- Connecticut Cybersecurity Center (C3)
- Alcohol Research Center
- UConn Center on Aging
- Connecticut Institute for the Brain and Cognitive Sciences (IBACS)
- Center for Clean Energy Engineering (C2E2)
- Connecticut Sea Grant

In addition to these centers and institutes, the Innovation Partnership Building at the UConn Tech Park provides an ecosystem that inspires great ideas and collaboration between industry and academic scientists. At Tech Park, cross-disciplinary research teams develop novel approaches to real-world problems in fields ranging from manufacturing to biomedical devices to cybersecurity.

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ENGAGE WITH FACULTY

The OVPR values the opinions and relies on the knowledge of faculty in our mission to support UConn’s research community. In order to maintain close contact and open lines of communication with faculty, the OVPR collaborates closely with several advisory councils. These include:

- Research Advisory Council (RAC)
- Health Center Research Advisory Council (HCRAC)
- Research Deans Council (RDC)
- Animal Care Advisory Committee

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COMMUNICATE SUCCESS

UConn is committed to sharing research successes within the University and beyond. The Office of the Vice President for Research works closely with University Communications, industry partners, funding agencies, and other stakeholders to recognize the impact of cutting-edge research, technology commercialization, scholarship, and creative endeavors taking place at all of UConn’s campuses.

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