

# Annual Report on Research

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## THE OVPR: 2013-PRESENT (HIGHLIGHTS)

2013

- Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) becomes the OVPR, with oversight of Storrs, regional campuses, and School of Law
- Creation of OVPR Service Areas (Research Compliance, Sponsored Programs, Animal Care, and Research IT Services)
- Established Research Deans Council
- Transformed Research Advisory Committee to be 100% faculty and represent all schools/colleges



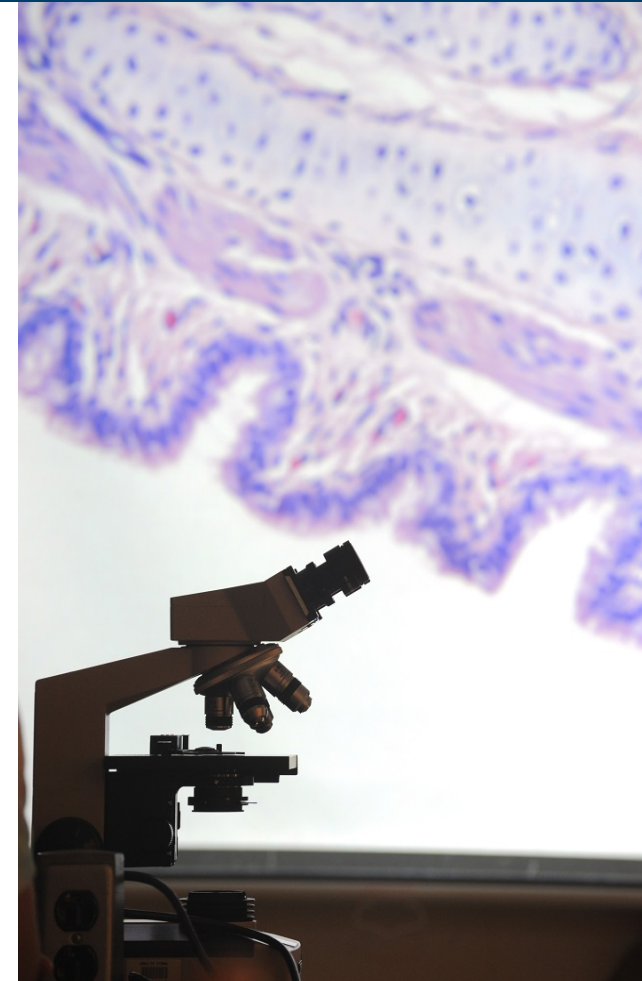
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2014

- Responsibilities added to OVPR :
  - Oversight of UConn Health
  - Oversight of most of the Office of Economic Development (via creation of Technology Commercialization Services)
  - Oversight of Environmental Health and Safety
- Grant writing workshops created for all faculty & covering various funding agencies



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2015

- Integration of OVPR operations and staff at Storrs and UCH
- Biotechnology-Bioservices Center (BBC) becomes COR<sup>2</sup>E (Center for Open Research Resources & Equipment)
- New MARS research core established
- \$2.2M/year UCH Bioscience CT Research Excellence Program (10-12 new faculty positions)
- Launch of Lincus website ([lincus.uconn.edu](http://lincus.uconn.edu))
- Expansion of internal funding programs at Storrs; establishment of similar programs at UCH
  - Research Excellence Program
  - SPARK Technology Commercialization Fund
  - Scholarship Facilitation Fund
  - Faculty Travel Fund



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2015  
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- Joint UConn-JAX Center for Single Cell Genomics
- Launch of Accelerate UConn, only NSF I-Corps site in CT, with CCEI
- Faculty Services model implemented for proposal development support
- InfoEd upgrades
- New ultra-high-speed (100G) broadband network installed between Storrs & UCH
- FY16 Fringe rate subsidies
- Reduction in graduate student tuition on grants by half
- First ever IDC returns to PIs at UCH
- First ever IDC returns of non-research IDCs at Storrs

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2016

- Growth in venture development/ tech commercialization activities
  - Expanded incubator facility opened at UCH
  - Executive Director of Venture Development
  - Website showcasing UConn/incubator research & innovation (Innovation Portal - [ip.uconn.edu](http://ip.uconn.edu))
- Growth of Faculty Services program
- New, upgraded electronic/software systems for grant support, research compliance, effort reporting, FCOI, etc.
- Launch of UConn Innovation Fund with CI & Webster Bank



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2017

- Launch of joint Alexion-UConn Rare Disease Innovation Fund
- Web-based proposal system for internal funding programs in development
- New Proteomics & Biophysics research cores established
- Increased Communications efforts, including industry and government relations
- Postdoc salary support (coming)



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## THE OVPR: 2013-PRESENT (HIGHLIGHTS)

UConn Research Activity	FY16	Change from FY13	
Annual Grant Expenditures (\$M)	\$103	+\$4	+4%
Proposals (\$M)	\$623	+\$112	+16%
Grants Awarded (\$M)	\$147	+\$68	+57%
Average Grant Award Size/Faculty (STEM)	\$127,912	+\$53,457	+72%

UConn Health Research Activity	FY16	Change from FY15	
Annual Grant Expenditures (\$M)	\$72	+\$4	+6%
Proposals (\$M)	\$441	-\$2	-0%
Grants Awarded (\$M)	\$71	+\$16	+30%
Average Grant Award Size/Faculty (STEM)	\$204,573	+\$53,306	+35%





One more thing...

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2017

Elimination of graduate student tuition on grants, effective Spring 2017

