# UConn: Critical to Connecticut’s Future

## 1. UConn keeps great students in Connecticut and brings new people to the state — fighting the “brain drain” and helping to build a key working age population

- Connecticut residents comprise 77% of UConn’s undergraduate student body.
- Some 68% of UConn’s in-state graduates are living and working in Connecticut.
- 100% of Fortune 100 companies headquartered in Connecticut, recruited and hired UConn graduates.
- UConn’s undergraduate enrollment has increased by 75.7% since fall 1995.
- Beginning with new undergraduate students for the fall 2020 term, the recently announced Connecticut Commitment promises free tuition for up to four years (eight terms) of full-time undergraduate study for entering freshmen from qualifying families with household incomes of $50,000 or less.

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

- More than 24,000 Connecticut jobs, or 1 out of every 90, are generated by UConn.
- The Technology Incubation Program at UConn (TIP) is one-of-a-kind in Connecticut and has supported more than 110 startup companies. TIP companies have raised $555 million since its inception in 2003 in equity, grants, revenue, and debt funding.
- Industry leaders including Pratt & Whitney, Comcast, Eversource, UTC, GE, 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. Companies heavily recruit student talent on our campuses for both internships and full-time jobs to support their growth.
- More than 650 U.S. patents have been granted based on UConn innovations, with 30 issued last year alone.
- UConn has vibrant locations in Groton, Waterbury, Stamford, Hartford, and Farmington with thousands of students, faculty, and staff generating millions in economic activity.

## 3. UConn prepares students for high-quality jobs

- Storrs Engineering undergraduate enrollment has increased from 2,109 in FY13 to 3,375 in FY19 or by 1,266 (a 60% increase).
- With the Bioscience Connecticut initiative completed, enrollment at UConn’s School of Medicine and School of Dental Medicine has grown 30% ensuring a stable source of future medical professionals in our state and access to quality health care for our residents.

## 4. UConn innovates and finds solutions to major health and societal problems

- UConn was awarded nearly $709 million in external sponsored program funding in the last three years.
- UConn and UConn Health researchers innovate and find solutions to major public health challenges, including cancer, heart disease, stroke, and obesity, as well as major public policy challenges, such as the achievement gap in schools, coastal flooding, energy, cybersecurity, environmental sustainability, infrastructure safety, and more.