

# MCB Graduate Community

## Where to live!

- West Hartford, Tolland, Glastonbury, Vernon, Manchester, Willimantic, Storrs Center, Coventry, Willington, Putnam, Ellington, Marlborough, Andover, South Windsor

## What to do!

- Bushnell Park, Boston, Hiking Trails (Nipmuck, Appalachian, Mettabasset, etc.), Beaches, Coventry Farmer's Market, Central Rock Gym, West Hartford, UConn sporting events, local breweries/wineries, board games, biking, Vermont, UConn Rec Center, Jorgenson Center of Arts, pool, bowling, laser tag, sports, cross country skiing, kayaking, student union!

## Where to go!

- Red Rock, Willington Pizza, Squire Peg, Huskies, Willi Brew, UConn Dairy Bar, Lizzie's Curbside Food Truck, Hops44, Gansett Wraps, Rein's Deli, Chuck's Steak House, Bidwell Tavern, Pub32, Wings Over Storrs, Wings Express, Dog Lane Cafe

## Did you know...

PhD students are paid a minimum of \$4000 each summer to do research in their labs!

The average time to degree for an MCB PhD is 6.5 years!

MCB Grads have gone on to Postdoc positions at Yale, Harvard, Penn, UNC, Johns Hopkins, Cornell, and many other places!

PhD students are guaranteed support through a TA/RA for 6.5 years. MS students are offered TA/RA positions when available!

Fellowships may be available to students who are interested in attending professional meetings - ask your PI for more info!

**Want to know more? Check out GO:MCB – an organization focused on graduate students!**

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**Website:** <https://gomcb.rso.uconn.edu/>



### **The Campus:**

We have a beautiful campus, a vibrant population of undergraduate and graduate students, and plenty of opportunities for fun outside of the lab. The UConn campus has been ranked repeatedly among the top green campuses in the US for our focus on recycling and sustainability. UConn's athletic teams are outstanding, especially the Men's and Women's Basketball teams – men holding 4 NCAA championships and the women winning a record 11 NCAA championships! Everyone should experience a basketball game at Gampel Pavilion at least once. We also have entertaining Ice Hockey, Soccer, and Field Hockey teams. In addition, our Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts attracts quality performers and speakers, including Hillary Clinton, Professor Richard Dawkins, Ladysmith Black Mambazo and comedian Billy Gardell. The UConn Forest is a protected area that borders the campus with enjoyable hiking and fishing trails near the Fenton River. Whether it is a picnic in the spring, horseback riding in the fall, or pond hockey in the winter, our campus provides a terrific environment for fun and entertainment that we encourage you to explore!

### **The Town:**

Storrs is a great place to live and work. Crime rates are low, and education levels are high. While some students walk or bike to work, many drive. Some of our grad students live directly in Storrs/Mansfield, and take advantage of the newly built Storrs Center, with restaurants, shops, and a grocery store. Overall, Storrs provides a rich atmosphere for academics, but we also actively engage with many of our state's other top institutions: the UConn Health Center, the Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine, Yale University, Wesleyan University, Quinnipiac University, Fairfield University, Connecticut College, Trinity College, and many others.

### **The State:**

Storrs is a quiet community, but for those who like more action, Connecticut still has plenty to offer. A variety of concerts/events/shows are held at the downtown Hartford XL Center, Bushnell Performing Arts Center, Infinity Music Hall and Bistro, Connecticut Convention Center, or Connecticut Science Center. Southeastern Connecticut is home to the Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun casinos. In addition to their gambling and dining options, these resorts hold many popular concerts/events/shows.

For sports entertainment enthusiasts, Bristol CT is home to ESPN Headquarters. We also have the Hartford Wolfpack minor league hockey team, the Connecticut Sun WNBA team, and several minor league baseball teams. For professional sports, the residents of our state have split loyalties to the teams in Boston and New York, making it a very competitive region!

For outdoors enthusiasts, Connecticut features many State Forests with hiking trails, several small ski resorts, plenty of recreational parks, and pristine rivers for kayaking and canoeing. No matter where you live in Connecticut, you will be less than an hour drive to the shoreline and the beaches of Connecticut and/or Rhode Island.

**If you join our department we encourage you to take advantage of these local attractions!**