

Federal Research Cuts: Impacts on UConn & Connecticut

Research Cuts at UConn	UConn’s Economic Impact in CT
\$47M lost from terminated or non-renewed grants	\$8.46B annual statewide economic impact (2024)
\$54M fewer new federal awards in FY25 vs FY24	50,000 Connecticut jobs supported
>\$100M combined direct & indirect research losses	\$429M state revenue generated annually
2,600 faculty, staff, trainees & students at risk	\$1 → \$1.72 economic return per \$1 of research funding

Federal research instability directly threatens Connecticut’s workforce, economy, and long-term innovation competitiveness.

Ongoing Instability in the Federal Research Landscape

FY25: **22% drop in new or competing NIH awards** (Jan 21- Sept 30) compared with the five-year average ([CRS](#))

FY26: **80% fewer in number and 70% less total funding from the NIH** (as of Feb 2026) than FY21–FY24 average ([Bloomberg Law](#))

FY27: **Proposed Budget Cuts average 23.6%** across 7 Federal Agencies ([Nature](#))

Agency	FY26 Budget	FY27 Proposed	% Cut
NIH	\$47.2B	\$41.1B	12.92
NSF	\$8.8B	\$4.0B	54.55
NASA	\$24.4B	\$18.8B	22.95
DOE Office of Science	\$8.4B	\$7.1B	15.48
EPA	\$8.8B	\$4.2B	52.27
NIST	\$1.8B	\$900M	50.00
NOAA	\$6.2B	\$4.5B	27.42