Faculty & Staff
Garner Nearly $5 Million in Grants

University faculty and staff brought in close to $5 million in grants and contracts in 2009-10, according to the Office of Institutional Partnerships and Sponsored Research. The largest grant, from Advanced Technology International, was for $2.1 million for a research project in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture (CETA) related to the unmanned aerial vehicle project they are developing for the US Army. Also in CETA were several grants from NASA, the US Department of Energy, and the US Department of Homeland Security, adding up to more than $800,000. CETA's total funding was almost $3.3 million.

Other notable grants include $306,506 for The Hartt School's Fund for Access and the Blue Hills Suzuki program, more than $275,000 for the Upper Albany Main Street program in the Barney School of Business, and almost $250,000 for programs administered by ENHP's Educational Main Street program. Within the College of Arts and Sciences, grants totaling more than $150,000 went to the study of the Arabic language and culture, breast cancer research, and evaluating the University’s program in Kenya.

$82,000+ Raised for Rell Center for Public Service

In December a dinner honoring outgoing Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell raised more than $82,000 to help establish the Governor M. Jodi Rell Center for Public Service at the University of Hartford. The center will encourage integrity and responsible participation in government and public service through lectures, panel discussions, symposia, and forums on important local and regional issues. Teaching and learning opportunities will include internships and service learning in government and public service as well as research and scholarly inquiry into the nature of integrity in government and public life.

In his remarks at the dinner, President Walter Harrison noted that when Governor Rell suggested to him the idea of the center, “I was—and am—deeply flattered that she would want to maintain that legacy through the University of Hartford. Through our mission as a private university with a public purpose, we have long been interested in establishing a program that will encourage our students to consider careers in public service.”

WELFund to Continue Club Mission in Hartford

The Women's Education and Leadership Fund (WELFund) has received more than $55,000 from the Business and Professional Women's Club of Hartford. The club dissolved its local chapter and was seeking an organization that would continue its mission—empowering women to achieve their full potential—using its remaining funds. It had previously provided scholarships to nontraditional-age women students at Hartford College for Women (HCW) and decided that WELFund, a legacy of HCW, would be a good fit.

“We are in the planning stages of creating a leadership experience for women students,” says Jennifer Sanborn, director of WELFund. “This gift comes at an exciting time and will go a long way toward making our plans a reality.”