

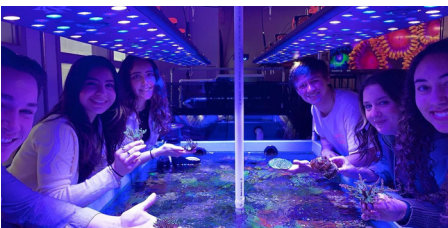


UConn Extension and Connecticut Sea Grant Support Aquaculture Workforce Development



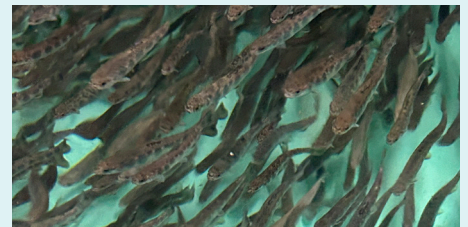
One-on-one consultations – We offer support to prospective farmers including assistance with business plans and enterprise budgets, site selection, and navigating the permitting process.

Training programs – We offer a semester-long farmer certificate course in shellfish aquaculture, host an internship program in collaboration with a local aquaculture farm, provide training in seafood safety, and facilitate a safety at sea course.



Workforce development – We are conducting an education supply and demand study that has highlighted supply gaps and opportunities and is intended to inform the refinement of future k-12 and post-secondary aquaculture education and training, and career pathways in CT.

Collaborative research – We work directly with farmers in the field and fund researchers to investigate new species, technologies, and tools, and share them broadly among the aquatic farming community.



Public Outreach – We offer a 2-hour Aquaculture 101 seminar on demand for public audiences and participate in youth and family engagement events across the state to promote the economic, ecological, social, and cultural benefits of aquaculture.