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## Northrop Grumman partners with UNH for engineering education

DURHAM — The University of New Hampshire announced recently that Northrop Grumman Corp. will fund advanced technology research and donate equipment for the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences.

"This is the latest example of the kind of public-private partnerships that UNH has been striving to create," said John Aber, UNH vice president for research and public service.

Northrop Grumman's Baltimore-based Electronic Systems sector has donated two related patents — a mercury switch and steerable antenna — valued at more than \$1 million. "We are delighted to enter into this partnership with UNH and look forward to collectively furthering our advanced technology leadership in key research fields," said James Carlini, Northrop Grumman vice president for products and technology.

"This is the first patent anyone's ever donated to UNH," said Robert Dalton, director of the UNH Office of Intellectual Property Management.

To enable electrical and computer engineering graduate students to investigate the new technology, Northrop Grumman also gave UNH a \$62,000 grant.

The college also received three optical microscopes and three vacuum pumps for teaching and research labs in the Materials Science Program.

"This equipment would cost tens of thousands of dollars if we had to go out and buy it new," said James Harper, director of the program. "This is a substantial gift that will allow more students to do cutting-edge research."

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