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Union station: Dan Rice, left, of Storrs, a doctoral student studying information systems programming at UConn, explains some of the concepts behind market-based Web sites to Charles Goodwin, director of technology licensing at UConn.

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GE announces UConn partnership

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STAMFORD — General Electric Co.'s donation of more than \$11 million to the University of Connecticut will help boost the state school to an e-powerhouse, GE officials predicted Tuesday.

But calling the gift a donation is perhaps a misnomer, as the company's executives said they see the money as an investment in their future work force.

GE Capital, General Electric Industrial Systems and the General Electric Fund provided the grant funds, which will benefit the schools of business, engineering and education — with a focus on e-commerce applications.

But the money will also foster and expand working relationships already in place between GE and students who get real-life experience with the company's business models.

Monica Caldas, a UConn senior,

tive said.

Jay Chhatbar, a second year MBA student, is also working in that class.

"It's for graduate and undergrad students," Chhatbar said.

The strategy of funneling bright minds from the University to GE seems to be working.

Caldas did an internship at GE and expects to get a job there when she graduates. Chhatbar also nods readily when asked if he will shoot for GE employment.