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Top Tier Focus

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Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Our Top Tier journey is to achieve excellence in research, education, and community impact. Top Tier Focus is designed to provide regular updates on progress toward our Top Tier goals.

UNLV achieved Carnegie R1 designation in December 2018. This designation is a testament to our research mission, and our Top Tier goal is framed broadly to include not only research, but scholarship and creative activity, speaking to the depth of programming we offer.

How are we doing?



Research Doctorates

2015 through 2020

**from 149
to 210**
2025 Goal: 200



Research Expenditures

2015 through 2019*

**from \$42M
to \$99.4M**
2025 Goal: \$150M



Professional Practice Doctorates

2015 through 2020

**from 209
to 204**
2025 Goal: 272



Non-Faculty Researchers and Postdocs

2015 through 2019*

**from 75
to 89**
2025 Goal: 120

Research expenditures reflect campus research activity. Doctoral degrees conferred are a direct output measure of our efforts to produce more scholars through graduate and professional programs. Individuals completing graduate degrees have opportunities to produce research at UNLV, as indicated through the metric non-faculty researchers and postdocs.

Research doctorates and research expenditures have reached record levels. We must continue our efforts, such as following [recommended practices](#) in order to increase these metrics, which are not only pertinent and necessary for maintaining our Carnegie R1 designation, but for success across all areas. Annual evaluation allows us to continue to check our progress and set new benchmark goals.

[VIEW COMPLETE METRICS](#)

We seek to nurture, support, and celebrate the successes experienced relating to research, scholarship, and creative activity as it is work that advances or contributes to the knowledge or creative base in academic fields of study.

*most current data reflects FY19 (expenditures) and fall 19 (NFR/Postdoc), as reported on the NSF HERD and GSS

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