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Top Tier Focus

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Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Top Tier Focus provides regular updates on progress toward our Top Tier goals. As our work continues, the next iteration of our strategic plan is under development, [Top Tier 2.0](#), which will continue to provide a framework to guide our efforts as we move into the future.

Designated Carnegie R1, UNLV is part of the top 3% of institutions nationally for research. 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.

As we evolve to [Top Tier 2.0](#), we will continue to seek innovation and excellence in research, with multiple interdisciplinary opportunities that further support scholarship and creative activity.

How are we doing?



**Research
Doctorates**
2015 - 2021

**from 149
to 180**
2030 Goal: 225



**Research
Expenditures**
2015 - 2020*

**from \$42M
to \$105.8M**
2030 Goal: \$250M



**Professional
Practice
Doctorates**
2015 - 2021

from 209 to 302
2030 Goal: 270



**Non-Faculty
Researchers
and Postdocs**
2015 - 2020*

from 75 to 72
2030 Goal: 170

Doctoral degrees are an output measure of campus efforts to produce more scholars through graduate and professional programs. Research Expenditures is a measure of campus research activity. Non-faculty researchers and postdocs demonstrate opportunities for those completing graduate degrees to continue to produce research at UNLV.

While most metrics demonstrate growth, we must continue to increase in all areas. Not only are these metrics pertinent and necessary for maintaining our Carnegie R1 designation, but for success across all areas. Research, scholarship, and creative activities are central to our mission as this work advances or contributes to the knowledge or creative base in academic fields of study.

[VIEW COMPLETE METRICS](#)

*most current data reflect FY20 (expenditures) and fall 20 (NFR/Postdoc), as reported on the NSF HERD and GSS-NSF.