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Focus on Top Tier 2.0

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Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

As a minority-serving institution rich with diversity and committed to equity, we strive to improve the lives of our students and transform our communities; our [Top Tier 2.0 strategic plan](#) guides our efforts. Focus on Top Tier 2.0 is designed to provide campus with regular updates on our progress toward our 2030 goals.

UNLV is proud to be designated a Carnegie R1 institution, and our focus is framed broadly to include not only research, but scholarship and creative activity, speaking to the depth and breadth of programming we offer. We seek to increase innovation and excellence in research, with multiple interdisciplinary opportunities that further support scholarly and creative activity. Our efforts enhance student engagement opportunities and align program experiences with strategic career pathways.

How are we doing?



**Research
Doctorates**
2015 - 2022

**from 149
to 217**
2030 Goal: 200



**Research
Expenditures**
2015 - 2021*

**from \$42M
to \$101M**
2030 Goal: \$250M



**Professional
Practice
Doctorates**
2015 - 2022

**from 209
to 264**
2030 Goal: 274



**Non-Faculty
Researchers
and Postdocs**
2015 - 2021*

**from 75
to 91**
2030 Goal: 170

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

Research, scholarship, and creative activities are fundamental to our mission. Faculty, staff, and students from across campus create knowledge and demonstrate expertise, which is supported through effective operational support. As we continue to advance, further efforts including [recommended practices](#) will help increase performance, which is not only pertinent and necessary for maintaining our Carnegie R1 designation, but for success across all areas.

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*most current data reflects FY21 (expenditures) and fall 21 (NFR/Postdoc), as reported on the NSF HERD and GSS