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TOP TIER 2.0

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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. This communication is designed to provide campus with regular updates on our progress toward our 2030 goals.

Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Research, scholarship, and creative activity are all integral to the university. Our efforts focus on increasing innovation and excellence in research, with multiple interdisciplinary opportunities, especially those opportunities that capitalize on specific aspects that make us unique and further support scholarly and creative activity. In addition, student research and scholarly, creative, and professional opportunities promote student success.



Research Doctorates 2015-2023

Increased from 149 to 250

2030 Goal: 235



Research Expenditures 2015-2022*

Increased from \$42M to \$95M

2030 Goal: \$250M



Professional Practice Doctorates 2015-2023

Increased from 209 to 283

2030 Goal: 280



Non-Faculty Researchers and Postdocs 2015-2022*

Increased from 75 to 89

2030 Goal: 170

Why These Metrics Matter

Doctorates are a direct output measure of our efforts to produce more scholars through graduate and professional programs. Research Expenditures are an indicator of campus research activity, which is essential to our research mission.

Non-faculty researchers and postdocs demonstrate opportunities for those individuals completing graduate degrees to continue to produce research at UNLV.

The Importance of our Focus on Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

The number of research doctorates conferred has doubled, going from 124 in 2014 to 250 today. In addition, our research expenditures have more than doubled in the past seven years.

As we continue to increase our funded awards, which ultimately increases research expenditures, postdocs and graduate assistants must be included in grants to not only enhance their experience at UNLV, but to support and advance our Top Tier goals.

Continuing to increase our performance is not only pertinent and necessary as a Carnegie R1 institution, but for success across all areas.

[View Complete Metrics](#)

Our Campus Values

Faculty, staff, and students from across campus create knowledge and demonstrate expertise, which is supported through effective operations. As a university community, we responsibly share and use UNLV's human, financial, physical, and educational resources, including our people's knowledge and ideas.

[Campus Values](#)

Want to Learn More?

[2023 President's Annual Report](#)

[Top Tier 2.0 Progress Card Leading Indicators 2023](#)

*most current data reflects FY22 Expenditures as reported through the NSF HERD and fall 22 snapshot for NFR/Postdocs as reported through the GSS.