

Nevada System of Higher Education | Board of Regents' Meeting

UNLV MISSION STATEMENT

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UNLV Mission Statement (2007)

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas is a **research institution** committed to **rigorous educational programs...** Our **commitment to our dynamic region and State** centrally influences our research and educational programs, which **improves our local communities.**

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UNLV Shared Values

1. High expectations for **student learning and success**
2. Discovery through **research, scholarship, & creative activity**
3. Nurturing **equity, diversity, & inclusiveness ...**
4. **Social, environmental, and economic sustainability**
5. **...interdependent relationships between UNLV and the region** around us
6. An **entrepreneurial, innovative, and unconventional** spirit.

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UNLV Core Themes & Measurable Outcomes (2011)

- Promote **student learning and success**
- Advance and support **research, scholarship, creative activity**
- Foster **inclusion and community engagement**

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Updated Mission: Tier 1 Status

- Retain goals of 2007 strategic plan
- Update measurable outcomes of 2010
- Regain lost ground of retrenchment period
- Adapt to new state, regional demands

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Why Nevada Needs a a Tier 1 Research University?

- 4:1 ROI of every new public dollar spent
- Increase of \$19m in economic impact for every \$10m increase in research expenditure
- 350 high-paying jobs (in state economic development sectors) for every \$10m increase in research / academic expenditure
- Tier 1s average 12 patents/ start-ups per year

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The Challenge for UNLV

- UNLV (2010) designated “High Research”
 - Tier 2 = top 4.5% of U.S. colleges, universities.
- Goal : “Very High Research” designation, among the top 100 research institutions
 - Tier 1 = top 2.3 % of U.S. colleges, universities
 - 75 / 108 Tier 1 are public universities
 - 74/ 108 Tier 1 universities have medical schools
 - 2 / 108 MSI currently among Tier 1 universities
- Method: 5, 10, 20 year benchmarks

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Tier 1 Goals

- Enrollment of 30,000 students (headcount)
- Full-time instructional faculty of 1,150 (+300)
- Tenure-track faculty of 900 (+250)
- Six-year graduation rate > 60%
 - 4,200 bachelor's per year
 - 1,500 graduate/professional degrees per year
- More than 200 research doctorates per year
- \$100 million annually in grants and contracts
- 30 degree programs ranked in top 150 nationally
- Total campus space expands by 400,000 GSF

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Tier 1 Improvement Targets

- 200% increase annual sponsored research activity (\$80m net increase)
- 100% increase annual research expenditure per full-time faculty member (\$75,000)
 - 25% growth full-time faculty size (300)
- 20% improvement six-year graduation rate
- 100% increase doctorates per year (100)
- 700% increase annual licensing revenue (\$7m)

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Tier 1 Resource Needs

- Annual capital expenditures increase: \$20 m
- Annual operating increase:
 - State enhancement : \$80m (new faculty, staff)
 - State maintenance: \$80m (2% inflation over 20 years)
 - External research: \$80m increase over 10 years
 - Community: \$50m per year from endowment

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