



New Faculty Orientation

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GCE Mission – External Facing



- UNLV's Office of Government & Community Engagement seeks to support, facilitate, and promote collaboration, partnership and engagement between the university and its many communities.
- Direct report to President Whitfield

Intergovernmental Advocacy (Local)



- Clark County
- City of Las Vegas
- City of Henderson
- City of North Las Vegas

Intergovernmental Advocacy (State)



- Nevada System of Higher Education
- Nevada Legislature – Biennial 120 day Session every odd year
- Interim Committees
- Southern NV Forum
- Joint Policy Forums
- NV State Boards & Commissions
 - <https://admin.nv.gov/Boards/>

UNLV Legislative Wins - \$540M (base + bills)



- Restoration of Budget Cuts.....\$18M
- Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine.....\$9.2M
- Graduate Teaching Assistant Funding.....\$14M
- Summer School Funding for Teachers.....\$320K
- Boyd Law Immigration Clinic..... \$1M
- NV Institute for Teacher Education Prep.....\$1.6M
- Expanding the Leaderverse\$750K
- GCUA Tourism Safety Institute..... \$1M
- Summer School Funding for Teachers.....\$320M
- Research Operations and Maintenance.....\$5M

Intergovernmental Advocacy (Federal)



- Federal Appropriations Process
 - Programmatic Requests
 - Language Requests
 - Congressionally Directed Spending (“earmarks”)
- Federal Agencies
- Interdisciplinary Cross Institutional Collaborative Research Endeavors

Community Engagement at UNLV



- Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement - In 2020, UNLV became a first-time recipient of the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement after a multi-year examination of the university's identity and culture, assessment, policies, and service learning. UNLV is currently preparing its application for recertification.

- Guided by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
- Community engagement describes the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.
- Purpose of community engagement - partnership of university knowledge and resources with those of the public and private sectors to enrich scholarship, research, and creative activity; enhance curriculum, teaching and learning; prepare educated, engaged citizens; strengthen democratic values and civic responsibility; address critical societal issues; and contribute to the public good.
- President Whitfield Priority

Community Partners



- Primary Partners:
 - Clark County School District
 - Business Community
 - Nonprofits
 - State Agencies
 - Government
 - Trade Unions
- FY23 Community Engagement Data
 - 1,109 Projects
 - 535 Community Partners
 - 99% of Partners are Nonprofits
 - 23% of Projects Focus on Poverty, Food Insecurity, and Homelessness
 - 4% Focus on UNLV Neighborhood

Community Resources UNLV Provides



- Virtually every college, school, and unit at UNLV is involved in community engagement in some way. UNLV's GCE offers the **Guide to UNLV Resources** for the Community, which lists a variety of resources, programs, services, and offerings provided by UNLV in the following categories:

- Arts
- Athletics
- Community Events
- Dental
- Differently Abled
- Education
- Event Services & Venues
- For Educators
- For Nonprofits, Government, & Businesses
- Health & Wellness
- Lectures
- Legal
- Libraries & Literary
- Medical
- Mental Health
- Nature and Environment
- Services and Safety
- Youth Programs & Camps

Resources for Faculty & Staff



- The UNLV GCE partners with UNLV colleges and administrative units across the campus community to facilitate collaboration with the community. GCE shares a variety of resources on its website to help support UNLV faculty and staff involved in community engagement.
- <https://www.unlv.edu/gce>
 - Guide to Forming Community Partnerships
 - Guide to Common UNLV Community Collaboration Agreements
 - A Step-by-Step Guide to Community Based Participatory Research
 - Office of Service Learning and Leadership
 - Faculty Center
 - Top Tier 2.0 Community Partnerships Goals
 - American Council on Education (ACE)
 - Coalition of Metropolitan and Urban Universities (CUMU)
 - Campus Compact