

Let's Work Together

Whether you're an inventor, investor, or entrepreneur, the UNLV Office of Economic Development is here to help you realize your unique vision. Our talented and experienced staff work every day with public and private partners to address real-world needs and bring life-changing products and services to market alongside vast university resources and talent.

Industry Engagement

The Office of Economic Development is the entry point for industry to engage UNLV in mutually beneficial collaborations that leverage university research and facilities to support industry-sponsored opportunities, service arrangements, and joint grant and contracting submissions. We can also work with you to license intellectual property developed at UNLV and get connected with researchers investigating solutions to a variety of the world's most-pressing challenges. To streamline the contracting period, we've created express agreements that enable partners to focus less on the transaction and more on the relationship and product.

Core Research Facilities

UNLV is home to a variety of sophisticated research and technology development facilities, from the 122-acre UNLV Harry Reid Research & Technology Park and world-class Cherry Creek Supercomputer to the International Gaming Institute and premiere research facilities in the Science and Engineering Building and Harry Reid Center, our dedicated spaces can accommodate the most advanced needs for industry partners and researchers in tech, healthcare, sport performance, and sciences.



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About UNLV

UNLV is a public, urban research institution with rigorous educational programs that's immersed in innovative research, scholarship, and creative activities. With more than 30,000 students and 4,000 employees, UNLV holds the nation's highest recognition for both research and community engagement, distinctions that underscore its vision to become a premier university in service of one of the nation's fastest-growing and most enterprising regions.

Every day — in its labs and in its classrooms, in neighborhoods, and out in the field — UNLV works to nurture the community and fuel Nevada's economic engine. The university is proud of its place in the center of the sports and entertainment capital of the world, where its students, employees, and alumni spark innovation and drive reinvention that moves the region forward. [Learn more at unlv.edu](https://unlv.edu).



UNLV Office of Economic Development



Located in the world's most dynamic laboratory — Las Vegas — the **UNLV Office of Economic Development (OED)** sparks connections between higher education and industry, forging partnerships that solve today's challenges and create tomorrow's opportunities. Through high-impact programs, resources, and innovation infrastructure, OED is advancing university and community-based entrepreneurship, technology development and commercialization, and industry-sponsored research that support a diverse and globally competitive Nevada economy.

Technology Commercialization

Got a great idea? Our team of experienced advisors guides UNLV inventors through the business, legal, and regulatory aspects of technology commercialization. We help inventors navigate the patent process and connect them with investors and partners to maximize the potential of their intellectual property and bring life-changing products and services to market.



Harry Reid Research & Technology Park

Recently named the region's "most catalytic space" by the Urban Land Institute Nevada, the 122-acre UNLV Tech Park is located in the rapidly growing southwest part of Las Vegas within Clark County's newly designated Innovation Corridor. The master-planned park has the potential to house 1.5 million square feet of office, lab, research and retail space.

The park serves as a high-tech economic base in Southern Nevada, supporting collaboration between private sector and university researchers and creating partnerships that will solve challenges, grow new businesses, and attract existing ones.

UNLV Fast Facts

\$2B economic activity generated by UNLV in FY24

\$116.4M sponsored research expenditures in FY23

Top 3%

of the nation's higher education institutions for research and community impact

6,000+ annual UNLV graduates

#5 NATION'S MOST DIVERSE UNIVERSITY
—U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

Black Fire Innovation

UNLV's Black Fire Innovation brings brilliant academic and industry minds together like never before in a high-tech proving ground for the "fun economy" (tourism, sports, and entertainment). The facility's centerpiece is a fully equipped, 43,000 square-foot simulated integrated resort that offers researchers, entrepreneurs, and corporate partners a hyperrealistic environment to conduct R&D — and to showcase exciting new technologies and startups. With office suites, co-working spaces, a makerspace, and event facilities, this stunning four-story facility supports a one-of-a-kind innovation ecosystem where technology and talent converge to diversify and grow Southern Nevada's economy.



Office of Economic Development Fast Facts

84 patents issued since 2014

120+ acre park to support industry engagement at UNLV

1,255 impact agreements

887 new business starts

7,558 new businesses served since 2014

14 startups from UNLV tech

24,041 jobs created

\$129.6M capital raised/acquired for small business clients since 2014

Sports Innovation

A UNLV initiative in collaboration with the Office of Economic Development and the William F. Harrah College of Hospitality, the Sports Innovation Institute is accelerating Las Vegas's emergence as a global sports and entertainment hub. The Institute fosters collaboration across industry and academia to advance sports science, business, education, and performance. By aligning UNLV's extensive physical and human capital in sports, the Institute promotes interdisciplinary engagement and delivers measurable impact across the sports ecosystem.

