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Three Alberta Universities on Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2006 University of Lethbridge 3rd in "Research University of the Year" Undergrad Category

Toronto- October 24, 2006 –Three Alberta universities are on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2006*, released today by Research Infosource Inc. Together they took in \$681.1 million in sponsored research income in fiscal 2005, up 9.6% over last year. Total sponsored research income, for Canada's Top 50 Research Universities, which includes government as well as non-government sources, was \$5.2 billion in fiscal 2005, a modest increase of 3.2%. This was the smallest increase in 6 years. From fiscal 2000 to 2004, annual increases were in the double digits, 23.9%, 22.7%, 12.1%, 12.6% and 17.7%, respectively.

Ranking Alberta's universities:

#4 University of Alberta up one spot from 5th posting a 10.2% increase in sponsored research income in fiscal 2005 to \$396.9 million.

#7 University of Calgary holds on to 7th position with an 8% growth in sponsored research income to \$271.5 million.

#35 University of Lethbridge moves up from 39th spot with an impressive 29% increase in sponsored research income to \$12.7 million. This puts them in 5th position on the list of universities ranked by research income growth. They also came in 3rd in the undergraduate category for Research Infosource's Research University of the Year.

"Congratulations to Alberta's universities", says Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "They continue to post increases in research income growth above the national average."

For the regional picture, in fiscal 2005, B.C.'s four universities took in \$498.7 million in sponsored research income, an increase of 2.4% over 2004 for 10% of the overall total. Alberta's three institutions took in \$681.1 million, up 9.6% over last year for 13% of the total. Saskatchewan's 2 universities posted a 3.5% increase in sponsored research income with \$135.4 million for 3% of the total. Manitoba, also with two institutions on the list attracted \$151.1 million, a 15.9% increase for 3% of the total. Ontario's 17 universities took in \$2.1 billion, an increase of 12.3%, representing 41% of the total. Québec was the only province to record a decrease. Its 13 universities posted \$1.4 billion in sponsored research income, down 12.6%. New Brunswick's two institutions posted \$46.8 million, up 10.7%, PEI with its one university having received \$9.7 million, up 7.3%, Nova Scotia's five institutions took in \$129.4 million, up 11.9% and Newfoundland with one university posted \$61.5 million in sponsored research income, up 22.2%.

The University of Toronto, University of Waterloo and Lakehead University earned Research Infosource's "Research University of the Year" designation in their respective categories. In the medical/doctoral category: University of Toronto came first with 99.5 points out of possible 100. McGill University was second with 95.7 points and McMaster was third with 92.8. The University of Waterloo was top in the comprehensive category with 76 points, University of Guelph came second with 72.8 and the University of Victoria rounded out this category in third place with 72.3 points. In the undergraduate category, Lakehead University came first with 47 points. Royal Military College of Canada was second with 42.7 points and University of Lethbridge was third with 36.5 points. Half the points are awarded on the basis of financial indicators and the other half on publication indicators.

The University of Toronto remained in top position on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2006* with \$708.6 million in sponsored research income in fiscal 2005, up 13.6% from last year. The Université de Montréal moved in 2nd position from 3rd last year with \$429.3 million which represents a slight drop of 3.8% from last year. McGill University drops one position to 3rd with \$423 million, a decline of 22.2% and the University of Alberta moves up one spot from 5th to 4th with \$396.9 million, up 10.2%. The University of British Columbia is in 5th position, down one from last year with \$359.5 million in sponsored research income, a slight 1% drop over last year. McMaster University is 6th, up two spots with \$345 million in income, an impressive increase of 40.1%. The University of Calgary holds on to 7th spot with \$271.5 million in sponsored research income, up 8%. The University of Ottawa moves from 10th place to 8th posting \$238.4 million in sponsored research income, an increase of 25.2%. Université Laval drops from 6th to 9th with a 17.4% decline in sponsored research income. The University of Western Ontario rounds out the top 10. It moved from 9th spot to 10th with \$179.9 million in sponsored research income, a drop of 5.9%.

Canada's Top 50 Research Universities 2006 and *Research Universities of the Year 2006* and analysis are available on the Research Infosource website, **www.researchinfosource.com**. The data were obtained from Statistics Canada and the Research Infosource Canadian University R&D database. An in-depth Canada's Top Research Universities Report 2006, based on 70 universities is slated for publication later this year. Research Infosource Inc., a division of The Impact Group, is Canada's source of R&D intelligence. Drawing from an extensive database, Research Infosource Inc. publishes *Canada's Top 100 Corporate R&D Spenders List*, *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List*, and specialized reports.

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