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Ontario Universities Take Top Spots for Research University of the Year

Toronto- October 24, 2006 – Ontario Universities took top spots in all three categories for “Research University of the Year” released today by Research Infosource Inc.

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 place third 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.

Seventeen Ontario universities are on *Canada’s Top 50 Research Universities List 2006*, also released today by Research Infosource Inc. Together these universities took in \$2.1 billion in sponsored research income, up 12.3% 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.

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.

“Congratulations to the Research Universities of the Year”, says Ron Freedman CEO of Research Infosource Inc. “And, the good news continues for Ontario’s universities. Looking at the universities ranked by growth in research income, four of the five top spots go to Ontario institutions: Lakehead, Wilfrid Laurier, McMaster and Laurentian.”

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