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Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2007
Atlantic Province Universities Report \$282.9 Million in Sponsored Research Income, Up 12.5%

Toronto – October 25, 2007 - The 10 Atlantic province universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2007* released today by Research Infosource Inc. received a total of \$282.9 million in sponsored research income in Fiscal 2006, increasing by 12.5% from \$251.5 million in 2005. Canada's top 50 research universities reported \$5.53 billion in sponsored research income, a 6.4% increase over Fiscal 2005, doubling last year's growth of 3.2%. Sponsored research income includes both government and non-government sources. The lion's share of sponsored research income at Canadian universities continued to come from Government sources, accounting for 69% in 2006. Corporate sources made up 13%, while Non-corporate sources (individuals, foundations, etc.) contributed 14% of the total. Investments/endowments and other income made up the remainder.

Dalhousie University, the top ranking Atlantic university ranked in 15th place, up 1 spot from 2005. Memorial University of Newfoundland was 19th, up 2 spots from 21st last year. University of New Brunswick maintained their 25th finish again, UPEI gained 4 spots moving to #38 from #42, St. Francis Xavier University #43, up from #45, Université de Moncton ranked #45, down from #44 last year, Nova Scotia Agricultural College gained a spot moving to #46 from #47, Saint Mary's University up to #47 from #48, Acadia University dropped 2 spots to #48 from #46 last year and Cape Breton University moved onto the Top 50 list at #50.

"This was a banner year for Atlantic universities. Overall, research income growth was just about double the national average", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc.

For the regional picture, in Fiscal 2006, B.C.'s four universities took in \$606.9 million in sponsored research income, an increase of 21.7% over 2005 for 11% of the overall total. Alberta's three institutions took in \$658.9 million, down -3.3% over last year for 12% of the total. Saskatchewan's 2 universities posted a decline of -4.2% in sponsored research income with \$129.8 million for 2% of the total. Manitoba, also with two institutions, declined by -4.6% in sponsored research income in 2006 with \$144.2 million, 3% of the total. Ontario's 17 universities took in \$2.3 billion, an increase of 8.9%, representing 42% of the total. Quebec's 12 universities increased their income this year by 2.9%, receiving \$1.4 billion. New Brunswick's two institutions posted \$52.7 million, up 12.5%. PEI with its one university received \$12.7 million, up a substantial 30.1% this year. Nova Scotia's 6 institutions took in \$140.3 million, up 5.2% and Newfoundland, with one university posted \$77.2 million in sponsored research income, an increase of 25.6%.

Overall, research intensity (sponsored research income per full-time faculty) grew by 3.9% between Fiscal 2005 and 2006, reaching an average of \$155,600 per faculty position. Alberta universities posted the highest research intensity with \$202,000, followed by Ontario with a research intensity of \$172,200 per faculty. Quebec was 3rd with \$164,400 and British Columbia was a close 4th with \$164,000. Manitoba was 5th at \$102,500, Saskatchewan came 6th with \$90,700, followed in a very close 7th position by NFLD with \$90,300, Nova Scotia was 8th with \$76,300, New Brunswick was 9th at \$58,600 and PEI was 10th with \$57,900.

The **University of Toronto** remained in top position on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2007*, reporting \$763.5 million in sponsored research income for Fiscal 2006, increasing 7.7% over Fiscal 2005. Increasing their research income by 4.2% over last year, **Université de Montréal** maintained 2nd spot again this year, with \$447.2 million. **University of British Columbia** was #3, moving up 2 spots from last year with \$422 million, an increase of 17.4%. **McGill University** came in 4th, down from 3rd last year with \$397.1 million of research income, with a decrease in income of -6.1% over 2005. **University of Alberta's** research income also declined this year by -3.5% moving them down 1 spot to 5th place with \$382.8 million. **McMaster University** had a -3.9% decline in sponsored research income but maintained their 6th place ranking with \$331.6 million. **University of Calgary** also posted a negative growth this year of -3.4%, maintaining their position at 7th with \$262.2 million. **Université Laval** picked up a spot moving from 9th last year to 8th with \$258.9 million and a year over year growth of 12.1%. **University of Ottawa** dropped a spot to 9th from 8th with \$244 million and **University of Western Ontario** rounded off the top 10 research universities with \$225.9 million and a substantial increase of 25.6%.

Canada's Top 50 Research Universities 2007 and *Research Universities of the Year 2007* 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 69 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 extensive databases, 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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