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Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2007

**B.C. Universities Experience Huge Gains in Sponsored Research Income Growth, Up 21.7%
University of British Columbia 3rd in Research University of the Year Medical/Doctoral Category
and University of Victoria 3rd in Comprehensive Category**

Toronto – October 25, 2007 - Four British Columbia universities increased their sponsored research income by 21.7% in Fiscal 2006 according to *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2007* released today by Research Infosource Inc. Together these institutions received \$606.9 million in 2006, up from \$498.7 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.

The **University of British Columbia** picked up two spots in the national ranking this year placing 3rd from 5th with \$422 million, increasing by 17.4%. **University of Victoria** also picked up two spots this year moving from 19th place last year to 17th with \$100 million of research income and a whopping increase of 40.2% over last year. **Simon Fraser University** picked up a spot to 21st place from 22nd with \$69 million, with a growth of 16.0% between Fiscal 2005 and 2006. **University of Northern British Columbia** topped off the outstanding performance of the B.C. universities with a climb of 10 places to 34th from 43rd position last year with \$16 million in sponsored research income, an increase of 90.2%.

"This was a great year for B.C. universities. They all showed strong growth in research income", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource.

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%.

Research University of the Year

The University of Toronto, University of Guelph and Royal Military College of Canada were named "Research Universities of the Year" in their respective categories by Research Infosource Inc., which today also released *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2007*.

For Research University of the Year, in the Medical/Doctoral category, **University of Toronto** came 1st with 100 points, **McGill University** was 2nd with 74.3 points, and **University of British Columbia** was 3rd with 67.2 points. The **University of Guelph** topped the Comprehensive category with 83.6 points followed by **University of Waterloo** with 78.9 points, and **University of Victoria** rounded out the category with 68.8 points. In the Undergraduate category, **Royal Military College of Canada** was in 1st place with 77.2 points, **Trent University** came 2nd with 76.1 points, and **University of Northern British Columbia** was 3rd with 65.4 points. Half the points were awarded based on financial indicators and the other half based on research output and impact measures.

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.