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Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2007
Sponsored Research Income Declines in Manitoba and Saskatchewan

Toronto – October 25, 2007 - Sponsored research income fell in Manitoba by -4.6%, a reversal of Manitoba's large increase of 15.9% in Fiscal 2005. Saskatchewan universities' income declined as well in Fiscal 2006 by -4.2%, reversing a small income growth of 3.5% in Fiscal 2005 after two years of falling income in Fiscal 2004 (-3.3%) and 2003 (-3.6%) according to *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2005* released today by Research Infosource Inc. 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 Manitoba** dropped to 13th place from 12th last year with a decreased of -4.8% between Fiscal 2005 and 2006 to \$139.6 million, down from \$146.7 million in 2005. The **University of Winnipeg** maintained #49 with \$4.6 million in research income, which grew by 3.7% in 2006. The **University of Saskatchewan** lost 1 spot to #16 this year with \$106.9 million in research income, from \$110.4 million in 2005, a decline of -3.2%. The **University of Regina** dropped 3 spots this year to #30 from #27 with a decrease in research income of -8.4% with \$22.9 million in income in 2006, down from \$25 million in 2005.

"It was a disappointing year for Prairie universities. However, they have a strong foundation for future growth", 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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