

## **Alberta Universities Post Impressive 10.7% Increase in Research Income University of Alberta Among Research Universities of the Year**

Toronto – October 29, 2008 – Three Alberta universities, made *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2008*, released today by Research Infosource Inc. ([www.researchinfosource.com](http://www.researchinfosource.com)). Together they posted \$729.2 million in research income in fiscal 2007, an increase of 10.7% over the \$658.9 recorded in fiscal 2006. Canada's Top 50 Research Universities posted a lacklustre 3.5% growth in their total sponsored research income in fiscal 2007. Total research income reached \$5.7 billion, up from \$5.5 billion in fiscal 2006.

The University of Alberta moved from 5<sup>th</sup> place in 2006 to 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Top 50 rankings with an impressive 20.5% jump in research income, and placed third for Research University of the Year in the Medical/doctoral category. University of Toronto was first place and McGill University was second. University of Waterloo takes first place in the Comprehensive category, followed by University of Guelph in second and University of Victoria in third. In the Undergraduate category, Royal Military College is first, University of Northern British Columbia is second, and Brock University is third.

Both University of Calgary (#8) and University of Lethbridge (#38) moved down in rank and posted decreases of (-3.1%) and (-1.4%) respectively.

“With Alberta's booming economy, we'd expect all the universities to be doing as well as the University of Alberta”, says Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource.

Twenty-five of the Top 50 universities posted research income growth higher than the national average of 3.5%. This group was led by Saint Mary's University, which had an impressive 47.3% increase in research income in fiscal 2007. University of Saskatchewan (40.8%), Ryerson University (32.8%), Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (32.8%) and Université du Québec en Outaouais (32.0%) were standouts. Other universities did not fare as well in fiscal 2007, with double-digit drops at 7 institutions: Laurentian University (-59.8%), École de technologie supérieure (-41.9%), Trent University (-38.1%), University of Northern British Columbia (-13.3%) and Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (-12.3%), University of Guelph (-11.2%) and University of Victoria (-10.7%).

The Top 50 universities managed only a 1.5% increase in research intensity – research income per full-time faculty position – compared with an increase of 3.9% in fiscal 2006. Slow income growth (3.5%) combined with a modest increase in faculty (1.9%) was the cause. On average, each Canadian university attracted \$158,000 of research income per full-time faculty, compared with \$155,600 the year prior. Leading the pack in fiscal 2007 was University of Toronto, which recorded \$359,300 of research income per faculty. University of Alberta was next at \$301,000. McMaster University was in 3rd place with \$294,500 per faculty. Queen's University followed in 4th position with \$262,100 for each faculty.

Three provinces' universities recorded research income drops in fiscal 2007: British Columbia (-4.1%), Quebec (-2.4%) and Newfoundland (-2.0%). The strongest gains took place at universities in Saskatchewan (32.5%) and Alberta (10.7%). Ontario's 18 institutions accounted for 42% of all income in fiscal 2007 and posted a (5.2%) increase in research income. Quebec institutions attracted 24% of

total support and posted a (-2.4%) drop. Growth in research support at Quebec universities has lagged the national average for 3 consecutive years. Alberta's 3 universities increased their share of the total to 13%, from 12% the prior year. Overall the nine universities in the Atlantic Provinces did well with only two institutions posting decreases Memorial University of Newfoundland (-2%) and Nova Scotia Agricultural College (-1.2%).

Sixteen universities, down from 17 last year, claimed membership in Research Infosource's elite \$100 Million Club, reserved for institutions with more than \$100 million of research income in fiscal 2007. Nearly all Club members, except University of Guelph and University of Waterloo, have medical schools that attract substantial research support. Nine of the 16 leaders saw their income grow in fiscal 2007 compared with 7 universities where incomes dropped.

#### \$100 Million Club

Rank 2007	Rank 2006	University	Research Income 2007	Research Income 2006	%Change 2006-2007
1	1	University of Toronto	\$854.8 million	\$763.5 million	11.9%
2	5	University of Alberta	\$461.4 million	\$382.8 million	20.5%
3	2	Université de Montréal	\$415 million	\$447.2 million	-7.2%
4	3	University of British Columbia	\$401.27 million	\$422 million	-4.9%
5	4	McGill University	\$375.74 million	\$397.1 million	-5.4%
6	6	McMaster University	\$346.3 million	\$331.6 million	4.4%
7	8	Université Laval	\$268.3 million	\$258.9 million	3.6%
8	7	University of Calgary	\$254.2 million	\$262.2 million	-3.1%
9	10	University of Western Ontario	\$238 million	\$226 million	5.4%
10	9	University of Ottawa	\$229.2 million	244 million	-6.1%
11	11	Queen's University	\$213 million	\$173.7 million	22.7%
12	13	University of Manitoba	\$154.9 million	\$139.6 million	11%
13	16	University of Saskatchewan	\$150.5 million	\$106.9 million	40.8%
14	12	University of Guelph	\$132.9 million	\$149.6 million	-11.2%
15	14	University of Waterloo	\$121.6 million	\$127.5 million	-4.6%
16	15	Dalhousie University	\$111.5 million	\$106.9 million	4.3%

*Canada's Top 50 Research Universities 2008, Research Universities of the Year List 2008, Spotlight 2008* and a complete analysis are available on the Research Infosource website, [www.researchinfosource.com](http://www.researchinfosource.com). The data were obtained from Statistics Canada and the Research Infosource Canadian University R&D database. 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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