

**9 Atlantic Universities on Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List
Memorial and UPEI Tops in Research Income Growth 2002-2007**

Toronto – October 29, 2008 – Nine Universities in Atlantic Canada made *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2008* released today by Research Infosource Inc. (www.researchinfosource.com). Together, Canada's Top 50 Research Universities posted a 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.

“Of the 9 universities in the Atlantic Provinces, only 2 showed declines in research income and six posted increases above the national average”, says Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource.

Nova Scotia:

The highest ranked Atlantic university on the Top 50 list is Dalhousie University in 16th place with a (4.3%) increase in research income from \$106.9 million in fiscal 2006 to \$111.5 million in 2007. Two other Nova Scotia institutions distinguished themselves: St. Francis Xavier University in 40th place on the list posted an impressive (20.2%) jump in research income, but was eclipsed by Saint Mary's University's in 44th position with an incredible (47.3%) jump in research income over the same period. Together Nova Scotia's 5 institutions recorded \$145.8 million in research income and an increase of (3.9%).

New Brunswick:

The two New Brunswick universities fared well in fiscal 2007, University of New Brunswick in 25th place, posted a (5.8%) increase in research income. Taking a longer-term view, UNB posted a (79.9%) growth in research income from 2002-2007. Université de Moncton in 45th spot, showed a (11.5%) jump in research income. Together they brought in \$56.3 million, an overall increase of (6.8%) from fiscal 2006.

Newfoundland:

While Memorial University of Newfoundland lost ground, posting a (-2%) decline in research income in fiscal 2007. However, looking at a broader picture, it ranked 1st in the Medical/doctoral category for research income growth from 2002-2007 with an impressive (116.7%) growth over the last six years.

Prince Edward Island:

Ranked 39th, University of Prince Edward Island posted an increase in research income of (3.7%) which is above the national average. It also ranks top in the Undergraduate category of research income growth for 2002-2007 with a 153.8% increase over 6 years.

Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2008, Research Universities of the Year 2008, Spotlight 2008 and an in-depth 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. 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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