

**B.C. Universities Get Top Grades:
UVic and UNBC Among Research Universities of the Year
SFU and UBC Make Gains in Research Income**

Toronto – October 29 – British Columbia universities get high scores from Research Infosource, publishers of *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2008*, released today (www.researchinfosource.com). University of British Columbia (#4), University of Victoria (#17), Simon Fraser University (#20) and the University of Northern British Columbia (#37) made the top 50 list and each garnered additional accolades.

For Research University of the Year, a balanced scorecard of financial input and research publication output and impact indicators, University of Victoria ranked 3rd in the Comprehensive category and University of Northern British Columbia 2nd in the Undergraduate category. First place went to University of Toronto in the Medical/doctoral category, University of Waterloo in the Comprehensive category and Royal Military College of Canada in the Undergraduate category.

This year Research Infosource shines the spotlight on universities that showed the largest income growth over a 6-year period (fiscal 2002-fiscal 2007). In the Medical/Doctoral category, Memorial University of Newfoundland grew its research income by 116.7%, followed by University of Toronto (87.3%) and University of British Columbia (85.5%), compared with the category average of 50.2%. Simon Fraser University (126.4%), University of Victoria (84.7%) and University of New Brunswick (79.9%) all bested the Comprehensive university average increase of 46.5%. University of Prince Edward Island led the Undergraduate category, by expanding its research income by 153.8% in the period, followed by University of Northern British Columbia (144.5%) and Lakehead University (107.0%), compared with the Undergraduate average of 56.2%.

“British Columbia should be proud of its universities”, says Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. “It remains to be seen how they fare in the tumultuous times ahead.”

The picture is not completely rosy. 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. A drop in support from the corporate sector (-2.6%) and only small increases from government (2.7%) were mainly responsible for the slowdown in growth. Healthy increases in endowment/investment (14.0%), non-corporate (9.0%) and other income (24.8%) were not enough to overcome the downward trend. Provincial government funding (7.6%) couldn't offset the lacklustre (0.5%) rise in federal government spending. The four B.C. universities brought in \$582 million in research income, down (-4.1%) from the \$607 million in 2006..

Twenty-five of the Top 50 posted 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%).

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	-11.3%
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 2008*, *Spotlight 2008* and a complete 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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