

University of Manitoba and University of Saskatchewan Raking In the Research Dollars

Toronto – October 29, 2008 – The University of Manitoba and the University of Saskatchewan posted impressive double-digit increases in research income in fiscal 2007, according to *Canada's Top 50 Research List 2008*, published today by Research Infosource Inc. (www.researchinfosource.com). Total research income for all 50 universities reached \$5.7 billion, up from \$5.5 billion in fiscal 2006, an increase of (3.5%). Thirty institutions increased their income in 2007 and 20 reported declines. 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 University of Manitoba, ranked 12th on the Top 50 list, posted research income of \$155 million for fiscal 2007, up (11%) over the 2006 figure of \$139.6 million. The University of Saskatchewan, number 13, recorded research income of \$150.5 million, an amazing (40.8%) jump from \$106.9 million. The University of Regina is number 28, but lags in research income, posting a drop of (-6.1%).

“Congratulations to the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Manitoba on a impressive showing”, says Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. “It will be interesting to see if they can keep the momentum going in the potentially troubled times ahead.”

Twenty-five of the Top 50 universities 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%)

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 (up 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 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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