

Alberta Backgrounder Top 50 Research Universities List

Highlights

University of Alberta among Research Universities of the Year

Research Infosource once again designates *Research Universities of the Year* – the leading institutions that excel on a balanced scorecard of research input and output/impact indicators. This year's winners in the Medical/Doctoral category were University of Toronto in first place, followed by McGill University in second and **University of Alberta** in third. In the Comprehensive category first place went to University of Waterloo, second to University of Guelph and tied for third were Simon Fraser University and University of Victoria. In the Undergraduate category, Université du Québec à Rimouski was in first place, Ryerson University followed in second and Royal Military College of Canada took third place.

Alberta Universities

Sponsored research income grew by 3.3% at Alberta's 3 top research universities in Fiscal 2010. Together the Alberta universities received \$813.6 million in sponsored research income in Fiscal 2010, up from \$787.9 million in Fiscal 2009. Nationally, total sponsored research income, which includes both government and non-government sources, was \$6.5 billion in Fiscal 2010, up from \$6.2 billion in Fiscal 2009, registering a growth rate of 3.6%, up slightly from 3.0% recorded in Fiscal 2009. The 2010 result caps a decade in which university research income rose by 134%. For illustration, total research income in 2000 was \$2.76 billion, which indicates how strongly the sector has grown.

University of Alberta lost 1 spot in this year's ranking moving down to 4th with \$513.5 million of research income, up from \$507.6 million, a growth of only 1.2%. **University of Calgary** maintained their 8th place with a large increase again this year in sponsored research income of 7.0% in Fiscal 2010, to reach \$282.8 million, from \$264.4 million in Fiscal 2009. **University of Lethbridge** moved back up two spots to 35th place with an increase in research income of 8.9% to \$17.4 million in Fiscal 2010 from \$16.0 million in Fiscal 2009.

Regional Picture

On a provincial basis, research income gains in Fiscal 2010 were strongest in Saskatchewan where the province's 2 universities expanded their combined income by 9.9%. The other provinces where reported research income growth exceeded the national average increase of 3.6% were: Quebec (13 universities 8.1%) and Prince Edward Island (1 university 7.4%). Alberta (3 universities 3.3%), New Brunswick (2 universities 3.3%), Newfoundland (1 university 2.6%), Ontario (18 universities 2.1%) and British Columbia (4 universities 1.1%) both posted modest growth just below the national average. Nova Scotia's 4 universities (-0.8%) and Manitoba's 2 universities (-4.6%) had declines in research income between Fiscal 2009 and Fiscal 2010. In Fiscal 2010, Ontario accounted for the greatest share of total research income with 40% of the total (\$2.6 billion), followed by Quebec with 26% (\$1.7 billion), Alberta with 13% (\$813.6 million) and British Columbia with 11% (\$739.3 million).

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