

Atlantic Canada Backgrounder Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2011

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The eight Atlantic provinces research universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2011*, received a total of \$308.8 million in sponsored research income in Fiscal 2010, from \$304.9 million, up 1.3%. 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.

Dalhousie University was the top ranked university in the region maintaining its #16 again this year, with \$125.1 million in research income in Fiscal 2010. **Memorial University of Newfoundland** moved up 1 spot to #20 with a 2.6% increase with \$74.5 million. **University of New Brunswick** maintained its #25 spot again this year, with an increase of 5.4% and \$53.9 million in research income. **University of Prince Edward Island** moved up 1 spot to #37 with a 7.4% increase and \$17.0 million in income. **Nova Scotia Agricultural College** moved up 2 spots to #42 with \$11.4 million, from \$10.4 million in Fiscal 2009, a 10.0% increase over the period. The next ranked Atlantic region universities were **Université de Moncton** maintaining their position at #45 with \$9.4 million in research income and a -7.4% decrease. **Saint Mary's University** moved up 3 spots to #46 with \$9.0 million and a 5.9% increase. And finally **St. Francis Xavier University** dropped 4 spots to #47, with a decrease of -20.5% to \$8.4% decrease over the period.

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.

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