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Subdued Research Income Growth at Manitoba Universities, Fail to Match National Trend
Strong Growth at University of Winnipeg

Toronto, ON (October 17, 2012). According to *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2012*, released today, total research income for the 2 Manitoba universities on the list rose by 1.8% in Fiscal 2011, slightly under-performing the national increase of 2.2%. Income growth at University of Winnipeg leapt by 27.0% to \$6.8 million in Fiscal 2011, but that was not enough to offset a small 1.0% increase at University of Manitoba, where income rose to \$166.3 million. Nationally, 34 universities posted gains in research income compared with 16 where income declined. *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2012* is available on the Research Infosource website, www.researchinfosource.com.

"Fiscal 2011 was a tough year overall for Canadian universities, which managed only a 2.2% total increase in research income", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc., Canada's Source of Research and Development Intelligence. "That makes University of Winnipeg's gain so special. The 1.0% income gain at University of Manitoba trailed the national trend, but more important than annual changes is long term growth, and on this measure U of M does quite well."

Regional Picture

Examining provincial performance, university research income rose in 7 provinces and declined in 3. Gains were strongest in Saskatchewan where 2 universities posted a total increase of 8.0% in research income. UPEI boosted Prince Edward Island's total by 7.0%, while 13 Quebec institutions posted a combined gain of 6.1% and 4 British Columbia universities upped provincial research income by 5.8%. Provincial research income totals fell over the period in New Brunswick (-10.4%), Newfoundland (-5.8%) and Ontario (-2.0%). Research income growth in Manitoba (1.8%) also lagged the national increase of 2.2%. Ontario universities' 18 institutions captured 38% of the national total, down from 39% in Fiscal 2010. Quebec's 13 institutions increased their share to 27% of the total from 26% in Fiscal 2010. Over the period share was steady in Alberta (13% of the total) and increased 1% in British Columbia (12% of the total).

"The Fiscal 2011 result signals retrenchment of research funding at our top universities. Gone are the heady days of double-digit increases in funding", said Mr. Freedman. "By way of comparison, from Fiscal 2000-2010 annual increases were running from 3.0% to 23.9%. With most research income coming from government sources – typically two-thirds or more - and with governments at all levels cutting back, it is not surprising to see total research support slipping" added Mr. Freedman. "It's not yet time to ring the alarm bells, because strong investments over the past decade have produced a robust research system. And, because other jurisdictions are experiencing the same pain, our competitive position will remain static".

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