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## **Ontario University Research Income Results Depress National Average**

Ontario Universities post -2.0% fall in research income compared with 2.2% National Increase  
*University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, University of Guelph and Ryerson University*  
*Named Research Universities of the Year*

**Toronto, ON (October 17, 2012).** According to *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2012*, released today, total research income for Ontario's 18 universities fell by -2.0 % in Fiscal 2011, compared with a 2.2% average national gain. Total income of the Ontario institutions on Research Infosource's list fell to \$2.51 billion in Fiscal 2011 from \$2.56 billion in Fiscal 2010. The disappointing result meant that Ontario universities' share of the Top 50 income total fell to 38% from 39% the year before. Research income fell at 6 Ontario institutions and grew at 12 others. *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2012* is available on the Research Infosource website, [www.researchinfosource.com](http://www.researchinfosource.com).

Research income gains were strongest at Ryerson University (31.1%), Lakehead University (28.3%), Wilfrid Laurier (26.2%), and University of Ontario Institute of Technology (20.8%). Research income includes income from all internal and external government and non-government sources. Nationally, 34 universities posted gains in research income compared with 16 where income declined.

Research Infosource, Canada's Source of Research and Development Intelligence, is proud to name University of Toronto as the top-ranked Research University of the Year in the Medical/Doctoral category based on its performance on a balanced scorecard of research inputs and outputs and impacts. Similar kudos went to University of Waterloo and University of Guelph, which were awarded 1st and 2nd place respectively in the Comprehensive category. Capping a year of strong income growth Ryerson University captured 2nd place in the Undergraduate category.

"Fiscal 2011 was a tough year overall for Canadian universities, which managed only a 2.2% total increase in research income. Unfortunately, many Ontario institutions fell victim to the slowest growth in university research funding since we began tracking", said Ron Freedman, CEO Research Infosource Inc. "In total, funding dropped in 3 of 10 provinces, including Ontario. But because Ontario makes up such a large portion of the total, it dragged the national increase down."

### **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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