

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Saskatchewan Universities Better National Trend in University Research Income Growth**

University of Saskatchewan posts 10% gain in research income compared with 2.2% National Average

**Toronto, ON (October 17, 2012).** According to *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2012*, released today by Research Infosource Inc., Canada's Source of Research and Development Intelligence, total research income for Saskatchewan's universities expanded by 8.0% in Fiscal 2011, compared with the 2.2% average national gain. Strong performance by University of Saskatchewan, where income rose by 10.0% to \$203.2 million, offset a sharp -7.5% income drop at University of Regina, where income fell to \$22.0 million. 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. *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List 2012* is available on the Research Infosource website, [www.researchinfosource.com](http://www.researchinfosource.com).

On the strength of its Fiscal 2011 result U. of S. now occupies 11<sup>th</sup> place overall on the Top 50 Research Universities list, up one position from Fiscal 2010. University of Regina fell to 36th place from 28th position last year. University of Saskatchewan solidified its place on Research Infosource's \$100 Million Club list, an elite group of institutions with \$100 million or more of research income.

"Fiscal 2011 was a tough year overall for Canadian universities, which managed only a 2.2% total increase in research income, so posting a 10.0% gain really separates University of Saskatchewan from the pack", said Ron Freedman, CEO Research Infosource Inc. "Performance at University of Regina was somewhat disappointing", noted Mr. Freedman, "but year-on-year changes such as this are not unusual. What counts more are long term trends."

**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%. This year's growth is the poorest since Research Infosource began tracking in 2001." "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 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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*List and Canada's Top 40 Research Hospitals List.* As well, Research Infosource publishes specialized reports and is the producer of *The Innovation Atlas of Canada*<sup>TM</sup> – a web-based research and innovation mapping and data information product. Data were obtained through Statistics Canada and the Research Infosource Canadian University R&D database. For the complete list visit [www.researchinfosource.com](http://www.researchinfosource.com).

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