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Tepid Research Income Growth at B.C. Universities 4 Universities Post 1.8% Increase

Toronto, ON (17 October 2013) - Four B.C. universities managed a combined 1.8% increase in their research income, compared with the 1.1% national increase, according to *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List*, released today by Research Infosource Inc. Income gains were strongest at Simon Fraser University (up 6.4%) and University of British Columbia (1.7%), but fell at University of Northern British Columbia (-12.7%) and University of Victoria (-0.2%)

“British Columbia’s universities eked out positive growth in research income this year, putting them in a group of only 5 provinces where income expanded”, said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource.

Canada’s leading research university, University of Toronto, became the first institution to post over \$1 billion of research income (\$1.038 billion), besting University of British Columbia (\$585.2 million) and Université de Montréal (\$526.2 million).

Infosource also designated three institutions as Research Universities of the Year 2013 in their respective categories: University of Toronto (Medical/Doctoral), University of Waterloo (Comprehensive) and Université du Québec à Rimouski (Undergraduate).

Two B.C. universities were the 3rd ranked University of the Year in their respective categories, on a balanced set of research input and output/impact measures: University of British Columbia (Medical/Doctoral) and University of Victoria (Comprehensive).

“It was only two years ago that national university research income expanded at an annual 3.6% pace, a rate of increase that seems idyllic compared with this year’s pace of 1.1%”, said Mr. Freedman. “Cutbacks in provincial government support weighed heavily on this year’s results in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Corporate funding has been reined in by weak global business conditions and the retreat of the pharmaceutical sector from research funding. Federal government support has been steady, but a far cry from the expansionary trend of the past decade. Governments typically account for over two-thirds of university research income, so future prospects are directly tied to the fortunes of the public sector. And at the moment those fortunes are not bright. Inevitably, this will mean that individual researchers and research teams will need to do more with less for the foreseeable future.”

Note:

Data were obtained through Statistics Canada and the Research Infosource Canadian University R&D database.

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