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### **Moderate Decline in Research Income at Manitoba Universities 2 Top Universities Record Overall –3.3% Drop in Funding**

**Toronto, ON (17 October 2013)** - Two Manitoba universities recorded a moderate –3.3% drop in their combined research funding, according to *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List*, released today by Research Infosource Inc. However, the provincial decline was concentrated at the University of Manitoba, which posted a –3.9% drop in income, compared with a healthy 11.3% income gain at University of Winnipeg.

“This year we saw research income fall or stagnate at a number of Tier 1 western Canadian universities but grow at their smaller counterparts”, said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. “We know that year-to-year variations in funding can be large, what is more important is long term trends.”

Infosource 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).

“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. 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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