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Research Income Expands at Nova Scotia Universities; 4.3% Increase Bests National Trend Dalhousie and St. Francis Xavier Post Gains

Toronto, ON (17 October 2013) - Four Nova Scotia universities posted a combined increase of 4.3% in research income, besting the national increase of 1.1%, according to *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List*, released today by Research Infosource Inc. Dalhousie University managed a 5.8% increase while St. Francis Xavier recorded a strong 23.6% gain. Results were muted at Nova Scotia Agricultural College (-16.5%) and Saint Mary's University (-2.3%).

"On aggregate it was a reasonable year for Nova Scotia universities", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. "Two universities saw their income grow and two saw declines. Annual variations are common, so what counts more is long term trends."

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).

"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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