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Research Income Slips at Quebec Universities; Overall 0.3% Decline Lags National Trend Université de Montréal Leads in Income Université du Québec à Rimouski Named Research University of the Year

Toronto, ON (17 October 2013) - Thirteen Quebec universities slipped by -0.3% in their combined research income in Fiscal 2012, compared with a national gain of 1.1%, according to *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List*, released today by Research Infosource Inc. Income was flat at the province's largest research university, Université de Montréal (0.1% gain), and fell at McGill University (-7.5%) and Université Laval (-2.9%). In total, income rose at 7 Quebec institutions and fell at 6 others. Research income grew dramatically at Université de Sherbrooke, expanding 27.3%.

"On aggregate it was a disappointing year for research income at Quebec universities", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. "A number of institutions experienced deep drops in income, but there were a number of stand-outs as well. All in all, a very mixed picture emerges."

Infosource designated two Quebec institutions as Research Universities of the Year, on a balanced set of research input and output measures. Université du Québec à Rimouski was top research university in the Undergraduate category and McGill University was 2nd-top university in the Medical-Doctoral category.

"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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