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BC Institute of Technology Heads National College Ranking Leads Top 50 College Ranking

Toronto, ON (22 October 2014) - British Columbia Institute of Technology led all colleges in Canada by attracting \$15.2 million of research funding in Fiscal 2013, according to Research Infosource Inc. which released its annual ranking of *Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges* today. In total, 3 BC institutions on the Top 50 list attracted \$19.1 million of income to support research. The Justice Institute of British Columbia (#23 in the overall ranking; \$2.4 million) and Camosun College (#37; \$1.4 million) were the other BC colleges on the list.

"BCIT's research income leapt by 193% last year to head all colleges in Canada," said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "Taking all 3 BC colleges into account, we saw an increase of nearly 120% in total income for research – a stellar performance."

Canada's 50 leading research colleges posted a record total of \$152.8 million of research income in Fiscal 2013, an increase of 30.8% over the previous year. This follows Fiscal 2012 growth of 30.7%.

This year, Research Infosource also included a spotlight on college research activity which has correspondingly expanded. In total, the Top 50 reported engaging in hundreds of research partnerships with external organizations and completed a similar number of projects during the year. Algonquin College led its peers both in partnerships (120) and completed projects (180). BCIT ranked 3rd nationally among large colleges, with 100 research partnerships in Fiscal 2013.

"Colleges and Cégeps have a unique place in the country's national system of innovation," said Mr. Freedman. "They differentiate themselves by concentrating on practical, applied research that is focussed on the needs of local firms and organizations."

For complete information: http://www.researchinfosource.com/top50_col.php

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