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**Quebec College Research Income Advances by 44.4% in Fiscal 2013
Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles Advances to 4th Place Overall
Collège d'Alma Leads in Research Activity**

Toronto, ON (22 October 2014) - Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles led 16 Quebec Colleges and Cégeps by attracting \$6.7 million of research funding in Fiscal 2013 to jump into 4th position in the national ranking, according to Research Infosource Inc., which released its annual list of *Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges* today. Cégep Édouard-Montpetit moved into 7th place nationally with \$5.4 million of research funding. In total, research income expanded at 14 Quebec institutions. Total College/Cégep research income advanced by 44.4% compared with a national increase of 30.8%.

"Fiscal 2013 was a strong year for Quebec's institutions," said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "They are undoubtedly aided by their close affiliation with their CCTTs (centres collégiaux de transfert de technologie); an interesting model for other provinces to consider."

Canada's 50 leading research colleges posted a record total of \$152.8 million of research income in Fiscal 2013. Fiscal 2013 growth of 30.8% follows a Fiscal 2012 increase of 30.7%. Quebec institutions accounted for 26.8% of the national total this year, up from 24.3% last year.

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. Collège d'Alma led all small colleges in Canada with 109 formal research partnerships and 147 completed research projects. Cégep Édouard-Montpetit was 2nd nationally among mid-sized colleges, both in number of formal research partnerships (53) and completed projects (58).

"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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