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**Atlantic University Research Income Suffers -18.4% Drop
Research Income Declines at 5 of 8 Institutions**

TORONTO, Oct. 15, 2015 – Fiscal 2014 combined research income declined by a total of -18.4% at the 8 Atlantic universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List* to \$306.8 million from \$375.9 million in Fiscal 2013 according to Research Infosource Inc., which released its annual ranking today. Overall, research income declined at 5 out of the 8 institutions. Funds that universities attracted for research declined at St. Francis Xavier University (-2.3%), University of New Brunswick (-13.5%), Dalhousie University (-14.0%), University of Prince Edward Island (-23.9%), and Memorial University of Newfoundland (-31.3%).

Trends were better at 3 other institutions, where research income rose at Université de Moncton (25.2%), Saint Mary's University (5.2%), and Acadia University (0.7%).

"Fiscal 2014 was not a good year for a majority of Atlantic universities", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "Even though the national trend in research income was down, it's hard to avoid the fact that a majority of Atlantic universities experienced more severe declines in research income than their counterparts in other parts of the country."

For the first time in 14 years national combined university research income failed to grow. Research income at Canada's Top 50 Research Universities shrank by -1.6% in Fiscal 2014, compared to a modest gain of 1.1% in Fiscal 2013. Combined research income fell to \$6.67 billion from \$6.78 billion. Research intensity – income per faculty – fell by -1.4% to \$173,500 from \$175,900.

Research Infosource has designated 3 institutions as Research Universities of the Year 2015 in their respective categories: University of Toronto (Medical/Doctoral), University of Waterloo (Comprehensive) and Lakehead University (Undergraduate). These institutions stood out on a balanced scorecard of research input and output/impact measures.

This year, Research Infosource also shone the spotlight on research partnerships, as measured by corporate and non-profit research grants or contracts received during the period Fiscal 2010-2014. Top winners were: *Total corporate research income*: McMaster University, University of Guelph, and Université du Québec à Chicoutimi. *Total non-profit research income*: University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, and Lakehead University. *Corporate research income as percent of total university research income*: McMaster University, University of Regina, and Université du Québec à Chicoutimi. *Non-profit research income as percent of total university research income*: University of Toronto, Simon Fraser University, and Université de Moncton.

For complete information: http://www.researchinfosource.com/top50_univ.php

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