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Research Income Declines by -5.8% at BC Universities University British Columbia Drops to 3rd Place in National Ranking

TORONTO, Oct. 15, 2015 – Fiscal 2014 combined research income at the 4 British Columbia universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List* declined by a total of -5.8%, to \$757.9 million from \$804.3 million in Fiscal 2013 according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual ranking. The 4 BC universities accounted for 11% of the total national university research income in Fiscal 2014, down from 12% last year.

Research income rose at 2 BC institutions and fell at 2 others. University of Northern British Columbia notably increased its research income in Fiscal 2014 by 21.9% to \$12.3 million, while Simon Fraser University posted a 0.5% increase to \$103.1 million. However, research income fell at University of British Columbia by -3.5% to \$547.0 million and at University of Victoria by -23.5% to \$95.4 million. UBC dropped to 3rd place from 2nd in the Top 50 ranking list, while SFU moved up 2 places to 18th position. UVic fell one spot to 19th and UNBC advanced one position to 43rd.

"BC's university results were decidedly mixed this year", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "UNBC had a stellar result, but performance was far more muted at the other 3 universities".

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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