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Research Income Climbs 8.6% at Prairie Universities
University of Saskatchewan, University of Manitoba and University of Lethbridge Move up in Rankings

TORONTO, Oct. 15, 2015 – Fiscal 2014 combined research income at the 7 Prairie universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List* increased by a total of 8.6% to \$1.18 billion from \$1.09 billion in Fiscal 2013 according to Research Infosource Inc., which released its annual ranking today. This increase greatly out-paced the -1.6% decrease in total national university research income. Combined research income at Prairie universities accounted for 18% of the total national research income in Fiscal 2014 up from 16% the previous year.

Overall, research income rose at 4 institutions and declined at 3 others in Fiscal 2014: University of Saskatchewan's research income rose by 23.6% to \$195.3, University of Manitoba by 12.4% to \$154.3 million, University of Alberta grew their research income in Fiscal 2014 by 10.8% to \$462.9 million, and University of Lethbridge increased by 5.8% to \$18.2 million. Research income declines were reported at University of Calgary (-1.4%) to \$324.2 million, University of Winnipeg (-4.0%) to \$7.9 million and University of Regina (-11.1%) to \$18.5 million. USask moved up 3 spots to #11, UManitoba also advanced 3 spots to #13, and University of Lethbridge gained 1 spot to #35. University of Alberta maintained its 5th place position, as did University of Winnipeg at #49. However, University of Calgary dropped 1 place to #7 this year, as did University of Regina to #34 from #33 last year.

"Prairie universities easily out-paced the national research income trend this year", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "Whereas the national trend was down, 4 of the 7 institutions posted strong gains. This bodes well for their future competitiveness."

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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