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## **Strong Research Income Gains at 4 Atlantic Colleges, Betters National Trend Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick Heads Regional Ranking**

TORONTO, Oct. 22, 2015 – Research income leapt at 4 Atlantic community colleges, easily besting the national trend in Fiscal 2015, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual list of *Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges*. Research income – and national rankings – advanced at Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick (\$2.9 million, 20<sup>th</sup> overall), College of the North Atlantic (\$1.3 million, 37<sup>th</sup> overall), Nova Scotia Community College (\$3.4 million, 19<sup>th</sup> overall), and Holland College (\$1.1 million, 39<sup>th</sup> overall). George Brown College led its counterparts across Canada in total sponsored research income by attracting \$14.2 million of funding in Fiscal 2014, a gain of 53.5% from Fiscal 2013.

Funding rose at all 4 of the Top 50 Atlantic colleges this year. “Atlantic colleges’ performance vastly exceeded that of their counterparts in other provinces”, said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. “All of them out-performed the 4.8% national increase. Clearly, they’re doing something right.”

The number of formal research partnerships increased at all institutions: CCNB (up 25%), CNA (up 15.8%), NSCC (up 51.3%), and Holland College (up 37.5%). The number of completed research projects rose at 3 of the 4 colleges: CCNB (up 41.5%), NSCC (up 55.6%), and Holland College (up 42.9%).

On the national scene, Canada’s 50 leading research colleges posted a total of \$158.0 million of research income in Fiscal 2014, a gain of 4.7% and a smaller increase than the 38.8% expansion in Fiscal 2013. National college research activity and output continued to expand this year. Researcher numbers grew by 14.3%, active research partnerships rose by 15.6%, and completed research projects increased by 13.4%.

“The slowdown in growth of Top 50 college research income in Fiscal 2014 after two years of rapid 30%+ increases does raise some questions”, said Mr. Freedman. “It is not clear whether the slowdown comes from a decline in available research funds from governments, corporations and the community sector, or from limitations of the college research paradigm; for example, their ability to absorb additional funding with current faculty, student and infrastructure resources.”

For complete information: [http://www.researchinfosource.com/top50\\_col.php](http://www.researchinfosource.com/top50_col.php)

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