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## **Ontario College Research Income Advances by 12.8%, Betters National Trend George Brown College Captures 1<sup>st</sup> Place in National Ranking**

TORONTO, Oct. 22, 2015 – 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, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual list of *Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges*. Second in the province was Sheridan College (9<sup>th</sup> overall, \$5.5 million), followed by Niagara College (10<sup>th</sup> overall, \$5.3 million), Lambton College (11<sup>th</sup> overall, \$5.3 million) and Centennial College (12<sup>th</sup> overall, \$5.2 million).

Funding rose at 8 Ontario institutions and fell at 8 others. Strong income gains took place at Lambton College (up 70.3%), George Brown, College (up 53.5%), Mohawk College (up 43.5%) and Centennial College (up 32.8%). In total, 16 Ontario colleges attracted 34.4% of all Canadian college research funding.

“Even though individual college performance was mixed, fiscal 2014 was reasonably good for Ontario colleges”, said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. “Their combined 12.8% income growth exceeded the 4.8% Canadian average. Ontario colleges also expanded the number of researchers by 25% and the number of formal research partnerships by 18.3%.”

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 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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