

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Atlantic Universities Lead Country in Combined Research Income Growth at 7.9%
Research Income Jumps at Memorial 18.9% and Dalhousie 10.8%**

Toronto ON, 27 October 2016. The Fiscal 2015 combined research income growth of 7.9% at 8 Atlantic Canada universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List* surpassed the national average growth of 0.6%, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual ranking. Total research income increased to \$330.9 million in Fiscal 2015 from \$306.8 million in Fiscal 2014. Very strong research income growth of 18.9% at Memorial University of Newfoundland and 10.8% at Dalhousie University overcame research income declines at the other 6 Atlantic institutions to raise the overall regional research income growth. Universities that posted declines in research were: Saint Mary's University (-0.8%), University of New Brunswick (-3.4%), Université de Moncton (-6.4%), University of Prince Edward Island (-11.9%), Acadia University (-14.2%) and St. Francis Xavier University (-17.2%).

"While combined research income growth among Atlantic universities was strong, it is disappointing that only 2 of 8 Atlantic institutions managed positive results this year", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "Memorial University and Dalhousie University, which are Medical/Doctoral institutions, each performed better than the national trend, but other institutions did not do as well. That said, year-on-year changes are not as important as long term trends."

Combined research income reported by the country's top 50 leading universities expanded by just 0.6% in Fiscal 2015 to \$6.71 billion from \$6.67 billion in Fiscal 2014, continuing the lacklustre research income growth of the past 5 years. Once again, University of Toronto took 1st place on the Top 50 Research Universities list reporting research income of \$998.5 million in Fiscal 2015, down -4.1% from \$1.04 billion in Fiscal 2014. University of British Columbia reclaimed the #2 spot despite posting a -1.0% decline in research income with \$541.6 million in Fiscal 2015, down from \$547.0 million in Fiscal 2014. Université de Montréal moved back into third spot with \$530.9 million, down -3.3% from \$548.8 million the year prior.

Research Infosource has designated 3 institutions as Research Universities of the Year 2016 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.

In association with its 15th Anniversary, Research Infosource shines the spotlight on the performance of the Top 50 universities over a 15-year period in terms of attracting research income and producing peer-reviewed academic publications. Top place winners were: *Total 15 Years Research Income FY2001-FY2015*: University of Toronto, University of Guelph, Ryerson University. *Research Income Growth FY2001-FY2015*: Université de Sherbrooke, Simon Fraser University, École de technologie supérieure. *Total 15 Years Research Publications 2000-2014*: University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, Ryerson University. *Research Publications Growth 2000-2014*: University of Ottawa, Concordia University, Ryerson University.

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

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