

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Combined B.C. Universities' Research Income Expands by 2.0%; Betters National Average
UBC Moves into 2nd Place in National Ranking
Strong Growth Posted at SFU 13.8%, UVic 7.8%**

Toronto ON, 27 October 2016. The Fiscal 2015 combined research income of the 4 B.C. universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List* expanded by 2.0%, bettering the weak national growth of 0.6%, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual ranking. B.C. universities' total research income was \$773.1 million, up from \$757.9 million in Fiscal 2014. University of British Columbia moved into second place in the national rankings, with \$541.6 million of research income, despite a decline of -1.0%. Research income at Simon Fraser University ballooned by 13.8% to \$117.4 million, up from \$103.1 million in Fiscal 2014. University of Victoria also posted strong research income growth of 7.8%, expanding their research income to \$102.8 million in Fiscal 2015, up from \$95.4 million in Fiscal 2014. At University of Northern British Columbia research income fell by -8.1% to \$11.3 million.

"Two out of 4 B.C. universities saw their research income grow strongly in Fiscal 2015, which was a much better result than in most other parts of the country", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "Growth was especially strong at Simon Fraser University and University of Victoria. This year's combined B.C. research income growth of 2.0% counters the Fiscal 2014 decline of -5.8%, and betters the national average in Fiscal 2015."

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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