

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Combined Ontario Universities Research Income Growth Flat at 0.2%  
Universities Bucking the Growth Trend: Queen's 26.2%, Laurentian 15.6%, Ryerson 9.9%**

**Toronto ON, 27 October 2016.** The combined research income of the 18 Ontario universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List* posted negligible growth of 0.2% in Fiscal 2015, totalling \$2.66 billion, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual ranking. Ontario's universities accounted for 40% of the total Top 50 research income reported in Fiscal 2015. Research income increased at only 7 of the 18 institutions in Ontario. The leading Ontario universities on the national ranking included: University of Toronto - in #1 spot again with \$998.5 million of research income; McMaster University, which maintained the #8 position (\$324.6 million); University of Ottawa #9 (\$294.2 million); Western University #10 (\$229.8 million); Queen's University, which moved up 3 spots to #11 in Fiscal 2015 with \$187.3 million; University of Waterloo #12 (\$180.9 million); and University of Guelph #15 (\$143.6 million). Notably, research income increased at Queen's University (26.2%), Laurentian University (15.6%), Ryerson University (9.9%), University of Ottawa (6.9%), McMaster University (4.5%), University of Waterloo (2.0%) and Trent University (1.9%).

"Fiscal 2015 was not a terrific year for research income at Ontario institutions", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "Following a -5.0% decline in Fiscal 2014, Fiscal 2015 research income was flat or declining at many of the province's leading institutions. However, declines in other provinces or regions allowed Ontario to hold on to its 40% share of the national university research total."

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.researchinfosource.com/top50_univ.php)

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