

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Combined Research Income Climbs by 1.9% at Prairie Universities; Betters National Average
Strong Growth Posted at Calgary 10.5%, Winnipeg 6.5%, Manitoba 5.6%**

Toronto ON, 27 October 2016. The combined research income of 7 Prairie universities expanded by 1.9% in Fiscal 2015, bettering the national average of 0.6% growth, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List*. The top ranking Prairie universities included: University of Alberta, which maintained the #5 spot with \$470.7 million in research income - an increase of 1.7%; University of Calgary, which moved up one spot into the #6 position, with \$358.3 million in research income - strong growth of 10.5%; University of Saskatchewan, which dropped two spots to #13, with \$168.9 million in research income; University of Manitoba, which fell one spot to #14 posting \$162.9 million - an increase of 5.6%; University of Lethbridge, which moved up to #34 from #35 with \$18.3 million; University of Regina, which fell 3 spots to #37 with research income of \$15.6 million; and University of Winnipeg, with growth of 6.5%, which moved them up the ranking two spots to #47 with \$8.4 million.

"Prairie universities turned in comparatively strong research income growth this year", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "Combined growth of 1.9% out-paced the national average. More impressive was the strong rates of growth at several regional universities, notably Calgary, Manitoba and Winnipeg".

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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