

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Combined Quebec Universities Research Income Drops by -1.5%
Universities Bucking the Growth Trend: UQAT 12.7%, ETS 4.7%, Sherbrooke 4.0%**

Toronto ON, 27 October 2016. Fiscal 2015 combined research income of the 13 Quebec universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List* declined by -1.5% to \$1.74 billion from \$1.77 billion in Fiscal 2014, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual ranking. The Quebec universities research income decline surpassed even the weak national average growth of 0.6%. In Fiscal 2015, research income rose at only 5 Quebec institutions and declined at the 8 others.

The top 5 leading Quebec institutions on the national ranking for Fiscal 2015 included: Université de Montréal (\$530.9 million of research income) ranked #3, falling one spot from Fiscal 2014, McGill University (\$473.1 million) retained its 4th place position, Université Laval (\$331.8 million) dropped one spot to 7th this year, Université de Sherbrooke held the #17 spot with research income of \$126.8 million and Université du Québec à Montréal that ranked #22 again with research income of \$66.8 million in Fiscal 2015.

Research income increased in Fiscal 2015 at: Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (12.7%), École de technologie supérieure (4.7%), Université de Sherbrooke (4.0%), Université Laval (2.2%) and Concordia University (0.3%). The following Quebec universities posted declines in research income in Fiscal 2015: McGill University (-1.0%), Université de Montréal (-3.3%), Université du Québec à Montréal (-5.1%), Université du Québec en Outaouais (-7.2%), Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières (-8.1%), Université du Québec à Rimouski (-8.1%), Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (-10.3%) and Institut national de la recherche scientifique (-13.8%).

"Fiscal 2015 was not a great year for research income at Quebec universities", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "The overall -1.5% decline meant the province's universities somewhat under-performed the national average of 0.6% growth. Most institutions saw weakening research income."

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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