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## **Alberta College Research Income Retreats by 7.8 NAIT Leads Charge in Alberta**

TORONTO, 3 November 2016—NAIT led 5 Alberta colleges in Fiscal 2015 by attracting \$4.6 million of research income, up 13.7% from the previous year, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual list of *Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges*. Next on the ranking of Alberta colleges were SAIT Polytechnic (\$4.3 million), Olds College (\$4.2 million), Red Deer College (\$1.7 million) and Grande Prairie Regional College (\$1.2 million). However, research income fell at 3 of the 5 Alberta colleges that reported to Research Infosource last year. Cégep de Saint-Hyacinthe led its counterparts nationally by attracting \$10.3 million of research income, a gain of 9.8%. Nationally, college research income expanded by only 0.5%, which was smaller than recent years' growth.

A bright spot for Alberta colleges was the amount of research funding coming from industry. Industry income rose to \$3.2 million, a year-over-year gain of 45.2%. Industry income expanded to nearly \$1.1 million at SAIT Polytechnic, an increase of 87.4%. Industry support rose by 48.2% at Red Deer College and 39.7% at NAIT. Olds College (24.2%) and Grande Prairie Regional College (8.5%) also saw their industry income grow.

"The amount of research money coming from industry is especially notable given the retrenchment in the Alberta economy", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. "That shows that the relationships that Alberta colleges forged in the good times are withstanding the economic downturn."

On the national scene, Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges posted a total of \$168.7 million of research income in Fiscal 2015 - a gain of only 0.5% - compared with 4.7% growth in Fiscal 2014 and 30.8% in Fiscal 2013. However the Top 50 did see growth in the number of faculty researchers (3.1%) and in the number of students paid to participate in research (33.2%).

"With most college (and university) research dollars coming directly or indirectly from federal government coffers, college research activity tends to vary with federal largesse", said Mr. Freedman. "Colleges will undoubtedly be looking to the federal governments impending science and technology strategy to signal new directions – and new resources – for college research."

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