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**British Columbia College Research Treads Water  
BCIT Retains 5<sup>th</sup> Place in National Ranking; Camosun College Posts Strong Gain**

TORONTO, 3 November 2016 – Three British Columbia colleges posted a total of \$10.8 million of research income in Fiscal 2015, up 3.7% from the prior year, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its *Top 50 Research Colleges* list.

BCIT maintained 1st place in British Columbia and 5<sup>th</sup> place nationally in Fiscal 2015 total research income with \$6.3 million of research, down 10.5% from the year before. Camosun College expanded its research income by an impressive 44.2%, to \$2.3 million, whereas research income jumped by 23.0% at Justice Institute of British Columbia. Cégep de Saint-Hyacinthe in Quebec led its counterparts nationally by attracting \$10.3 million of research income, a gain of 9.8%. In total, the BC colleges captured 6.4% of all Canadian college research income, compared with 6.2% the previous year.

“B.C. colleges did reasonably well this year in expanding their combined research income by 3.7%, compared with a gain of only 0.5% nation-wide”, said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. “What concerns us is that the amount of research money provided by industry sources contracted sharply to \$1.3 million from nearly \$4.9 million the prior year.”

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.”

For complete information: [http://www.researchinfosource.com/top50\\_col.php](http://www.researchinfosource.com/top50_col.php)

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