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Quebec Cégeps Capture 5 of Top 10 Positions Cégep de Saint-Hyacinthe 1st in National Ranking

Toronto, ON (3 November 2016) – Cégep de Saint-Hyacinthe moved into 1st place nationally in Fiscal 2015 with research income of \$10.3 million, an increase of 9.8% from Fiscal 2014, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual list of *Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges*. Second both in the provincial and national rankings was Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles, with \$7.9 million of research income, representing a growth of 11.0%.

Cégep de La Pocatière (4th overall, \$6.7 million), Cégep Édouard-Montpetit (8th overall, \$5.8 million) and Cégep de Trois-Rivières (10th overall, \$5.2 million) rounded out the top 5 institutions from Quebec. In total, research income increased at 14 of the 19 Cégeps on the list.

"Fiscal 2015 was an excellent year for Quebec Cégep research", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. "Together, 19 institutions accounted for 40.4% of the national total, up from 38.3% last year. We also saw strong gains in the number of projects undertaken and in student involvement with research."

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."

"The slowdown in growth of Top 50 college research income in Fiscal 2014 after two years of rapid 30% plus increases does raise some questions", said Mr. Freedman. "It is not clear whether the slowdown comes from a decline in available research funds from governments, corporations and the community sector, or from limitations of the college research paradigm; for example, their ability to absorb additional funding with current faculty, student and infrastructure resources."

For complete information: http://www.researchinfosource.com/top50_col.php

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