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Combined Prairie Universities Research Income Growth Lags Alberta, Winnipeg Advance Strongly

Toronto ON, 25 October 2018. Seven Prairie universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List*, released today by Research Infosource Inc., had combined growth in research income of 5.1%, compared with a national increase of 6.8%. Combined research income expanded to \$1.31 billion in Fiscal 2017 compared with \$1.25 billion in Fiscal 2016.

University of Winnipeg stood out among the 7 Prairie institutions for its 23.2% gain in research income to \$9.5 million, which moved them into 46th spot in the national ranking. Three Alberta universities on the Top 50 list grew their combined research income by 11.9% led by University of Alberta, where research income grew by 18.4% to \$513.3 million in Fiscal 2017. Research income at University of Calgary expanded by 5.5% to \$380.4 million, while research income fell by -12.6% at University of Lethbridge, to \$17.2 million. The Fiscal 2017 results placed University of Alberta in 5th place in the national ranking, while University of Calgary moved into 6th position and University of Lethbridge fell to 36th spot overall. A small decline of -2.0% dropped University of Manitoba into 13th position. Research income declined both at University of Saskatchewan (-13.7%, 14th spot) and University of Regina (-12.4%, 38th spot).

“Overall, it was a disappointing year for Prairie universities”, said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource Inc. “While University of Alberta and University of Winnipeg posted stellar results, other institutions faltered somewhat. The total research income growth of 5.1% fell short of the national trend of 6.8% growth.”

Nationally, combined research income of *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities* jumped by 6.8% to \$7.33 billion in Fiscal 2017 from \$6.87 billion in Fiscal 2016 - the strongest gain in a decade - according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual research ranking. Research income expanded at 33 universities and declined at 17. In top spot was University of Toronto, which expanded its research income by 13.8% to \$1.15 billion. University of British Columbia (\$577.2 million, 8.5% gain), Université de Montréal (\$536.2 million, 2.6% gain), McGill University (\$515.3 million, -5.9% decline) and University of Alberta (\$513.3 million, 18.4% gain) rounded out the top 5 institutions. Research intensity - research income per faculty position - grew to \$185,500 nationally, a 5.4% gain. Research intensity - research income per graduate student - grew to \$38,000 nationally, a 4.2% gain.

Research Infosource has designated 3 institutions as *Research Universities of the Year 2018* in their respective categories: University of Toronto (Medical), University of Waterloo (Comprehensive) and Lakehead University (Undergraduate). These institutions demonstrated superior performance on key measures of research success.

This year, Research Infosource spotlighted **university research partnerships** - measured by grants or contracts received from corporate and not-for-profit sources during the period FY2013-FY2017 at full-service universities. Top placed winners were:

Corporate research income: McMaster University (\$498.5 million) in the Medical category, University of Guelph (\$99.9 million) in the Comprehensive category and Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (\$49.0 million) in the Undergraduate category.

Corporate research income as percent of total university research income: Memorial University of Newfoundland (31.4%) in the Medical category, University of Guelph (13.5%) in the Comprehensive category and Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (38.6%) in the Undergraduate category.

Corporate research income growth (% change 2013-2017): Memorial University of Newfoundland (160.2%) in the Medical category, York University (354.3%) in the Comprehensive category and Laurentian University (95.6%) in the Undergraduate category.

Not-for-profit research income: University of Toronto (\$1.46 billion) in the Medical category, University of Waterloo (\$107.1 million) in the Comprehensive category and Lakehead University (\$20.7 million) in the Undergraduate category.

Not-for-profit research income as percent of total university research income: University of Manitoba (29.1%) in the Medical category, Simon Fraser University (16.6%) in the Comprehensive category and Université de Moncton (28.8%) in the Undergraduate category.

Not-for-profit research income growth (% change 2013-2017): McMaster University (343.2%) in the Medical category, Ryerson University (725.9%) in the Comprehensive category and University of Ontario Institute of Technology (290.2%) in the Undergraduate category.

For complete information: <https://researchinfosource.com/top-50-research-universities>

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