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**Atlantic Universities Research Income Falls**

**Toronto ON, 7 November 2019.** Combined research income at 8 Atlantic universities on Research Infosource Inc.'s *Top 50 Research Universities List* fell by -4.1% in Fiscal 2018 to \$341.6 million compared with national growth of 3.6% to \$7.6 billion for the Top 50 ranking, released today by Research Infosource Inc. Only 3 institutions - Memorial University of Newfoundland (\$116.8 million, up 4.5%), Saint Mary's University (\$8.5 million, up 2.9%) and Acadia University (\$6.4 million, up 20.4%) - managed to buck the regional decline. In total, Atlantic university research accounted for 4% of the national total in Fiscal 2018, down from 5% in Fiscal 2017.

"Clearly, Fiscal 2018 was not a stellar year for research income at Atlantic universities overall", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. "That said, three institutions performed well. Year-to-year variations are par for the course when it comes to research funding. So what is more important is medium and long-term trends."

Encouragingly, research income growth of 4.5% put Memorial University of Newfoundland in 8<sup>th</sup> spot for research income growth in the Medical category. University of New Brunswick placed in 5<sup>th</sup> place in the Comprehensive grouping in both faculty research intensity and in graduate student research intensity. Saint Mary's University ranked in 12<sup>th</sup> position among Undergraduate universities in research income growth. UPEI ranked in 12<sup>th</sup> place in the Undergraduate category for faculty research intensity.

Nationally, the combined research income of *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities* increased by 3.6% to \$7.6 billion in Fiscal 2018. Average research intensity - research income per faculty position - was \$189,300, an increase of 2.4%. Graduate student intensity - research income per graduate student was \$38,300 in Fiscal 2018. Overall, Fiscal 2018 research income growth was driven by a 4.3% increase in total Government funding and in particular by 5.0% growth in Federal government support. Corporate research funding, however, only grew by 1.8%.

Research Infosource has designated 3 institutions as *Research Universities of the Year 2019* 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 publication performance – as measured by number of publications in the major fields of Natural Sciences and Engineering, Health Sciences and Social Sciences and Humanities between 2013-2017 at full-service universities. Top-placed winners in their respective categories were:

*Natural sciences and engineering publications:* University of Toronto - Medical category (12,760 publications), University of Waterloo - Comprehensive category (9,118) and University of Regina - Undergraduate (1,464).

*Natural sciences and engineering publications as percent of total publications:* University of Saskatchewan - Medical (56.2%), University of New Brunswick - Comprehensive (72.9%) and Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue - Undergraduate (88.8%).

*Health sciences publications:* University of Toronto - Medical (40,460), University of Waterloo - Comprehensive (2,824) and Brock University - Undergraduate (544).

*Health sciences publications as percent of total publications:* University of Toronto - Medical (68.1%), Simon Fraser University - Comprehensive (30.7%) and Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières - Undergraduate (38.2%).

*Social sciences and humanities publications:* University of Toronto - Medical (6,228), York University - Comprehensive (2,245) and Wilfrid Laurier University - Undergraduate (871).

*Social sciences and humanities publications as percent of total publications:* Queen's University - Medical (14.2%), York University - Comprehensive (34.3%) and Wilfrid Laurier University - Undergraduate (48.6%).

For complete information: <https://researchinfosource.com/top-50-research-universities/2019>

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