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**Research Income Growth at B.C. Universities Exceeds National Trend
UBC Drives Provincial Performance**

Toronto ON, 7 November 2019. Four universities in British Columbia recorded a combined 5.6% gain in research income in Fiscal 2018 to \$888.3 million, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities* ranking. B.C.'s universities' gain out-paced the national increase of 3.6% to \$7.6 billion of research income. B.C. accounted for 12% of the national total, up from 11% last year.

Strong research income growth of 7.1% to \$618.0 million at University of British Columbia - 2nd place overall on the Top 50 list - raised the B.C. total. Two other universities had modest research income gains - University of Victoria (up 3.2% to \$118.6 million, 19th position overall) and Simon Fraser University (up 2.6% to \$142.6 million, 17th place overall).

"Fiscal 2017 was a mixed bag for British Columbia's universities", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. "UBC nearly doubled the national research income growth rate, but other BC universities fell slightly behind. Still, what counts more is long term trends".

Simon Fraser University, with \$142.6 million of research income was third overall in Canada in the Comprehensive university category. University of Victoria was third in the Comprehensive grouping in terms of faculty research intensity – research income per faculty position, at \$164,000 per position. University of Northern British Columbia was first overall in corporate research income growth among Undergraduate universities with a rise of 177.3%.

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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