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**Ontario Universities' Research Income Lags National Growth
Toronto, Waterloo, Lakehead Named Research Universities of the Year**

Toronto ON, 7 November 2019. Eighteen Ontario universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities List*, released today by Research Infosource Inc., recorded combined research income growth of only 0.8% to \$3.0 billion, falling short of total Top 50 growth of 3.6% to \$7.6 billion. However, research income did expand at 15 of the 18 institutions. The provincial total was held back by research income declines at three of the larger institutions. Ontario universities' share of the national total dropped to 40% in Fiscal 2018, from 41% in Fiscal 2017.

"In spite of the headline, growth was strong at many Ontario institutions", said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. In fact, 11 Ontario universities posted research expansion in excess of the national rate, often by multiple levels. Research income growth was especially strong at Laurentian University (37.2%), Carleton University (29.3%), University of Waterloo (12.3%), Brock University (10.6), York University (9.5%) and Lakehead University (9.0%)."

McMaster University (\$439,500 per position) was the leader overall and topped the Medical university category for research income per faculty position. University of Guelph (\$188,500) led in faculty research intensity in the Comprehensive grouping and Laurentian University (\$110,300) placed 3rd position in the Undergraduate tier.

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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