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**Quebec Universities Out-Perform in Research Income
Université de Montreal and McGill Vie for Lead
Strong Growth at Rimouski, Sherbrooke and Abitibi-Témiscamingue**

Toronto ON, 7 November 2019. Thirteen Quebec universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities* list posted a combined \$2.0 billion of research income in Fiscal 2018, a gain of 9.4% over the prior year, compared with the Top 50 increase of 3.6%, according to Research Infosource Inc. which today released its annual ranking. Université de Montreal was the top performer in the province (and 3rd nationally) with \$567.1 million of research income, an increase of 5.7% over the prior year. McGill University was very close with \$566.6 million of research income (4th nationally, 10.0% increase). Université Laval rounded out the top 3 Quebec institutions with \$403.8 million of research (7th nationally, up from 8th last year), a gain of 13.2%. In total, Quebec universities accounted for 27% of the national total in Fiscal 2018, up from 25% in Fiscal 2017.

“Fiscal 2018 was a strong year for university research in Quebec”, said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. “Research income increased at 11 of the 13 Quebec universities on the Top 50 list and many institutions expanded faster than the national average”.

In Fiscal 2018, research income growth was particularly strong at Université du Québec à Rimouski (up 22.7%), Université de Sherbrooke (up 21.0%) and Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (up 20.1%).

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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