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**Ontario University Research Income Lags National Trend
Toronto and Waterloo Named Research Universities of the Year**

Toronto ON, 8 December 2020. Eighteen Ontario universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities* list, released today by Research Infosource Inc., recorded combined research income of \$3.1 billion in Fiscal 2019, an increase of 3.8%, compared with national growth of 5.7%. Research income rose at 10 of the 18 institutions. Ontario universities accounted for 39% of the national total, compared with 40% last year and 41% the year before. Top-ranked universities were University of Toronto (\$1.1 billion, 1st place nationally), McMaster University (\$371.6 million, 8th place nationally) and University of Ottawa (\$346.4 million, 9th place nationally).

“Fiscal 2019 was not a stellar year for Ontario universities”, said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. “Research income declined at nearly half of the institutions and the combined Ontario gain was less than the national trend.

“In contrast to the headline, a number of Ontario institutions out-performed”, said Mr. Freedman. “Six Ontario universities posted double-digit gains in research income. Research income gains were strongest at Ryerson University (63.5%), Ontario Tech University (37.5%), Queen’s University (33.7%), Carleton University (16.3%), University of Waterloo (13.2%) and University of Ottawa (10.1%). University of Guelph was close behind at 9.9%.

McMaster University topped the Medical category for faculty research intensity (\$404,400 of research income per faculty) and University of Waterloo (\$201,600 per faculty) led the Comprehensive tier. Queen’s University expanded its Corporate research income by 90.9% in Fiscal 2019, as top university in the Medical category, Carleton University grew its Corporate research income by 32.0%, ranking #3 in the Comprehensive category and Wilfrid Laurier University (656.6%) ranked #1 and Ontario Tech University (455.2%) ranking #2 in the Undergraduate tier.

Nationally, Canada’s Top 50 Research Universities posted combined research income of \$8.0 billion in Fiscal 2019, a gain of 5.7% over Fiscal 2018. Research income expanded at 37 universities and declined at 13 others. Average research intensity - research income per faculty position - was \$198,700, a solid increase of 5.0%. Graduate student intensity - research income per graduate student - was \$39,300 in Fiscal 2019. Combined Corporate research income grew by 4.0% and Not-for-profit research income grew by 1.5%.

Research Infosource has designated 3 institutions as *Research Universities of the Year 2020* in their respective categories: University of Toronto (Medical), University of Waterloo (Comprehensive) and University of Regina (Undergraduate). These institutions demonstrated superior performance on key measures of research success.

For complete information: <https://researchinfosource.com/top-50-research-universities/2020>

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