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**Western Canada Universities Match National Research Income Trend
University of Regina Named Undergraduate Research University of the Year**

Toronto ON, 8 December 2020. Eleven Western Canada universities on *Canada's Top 50 Research Universities* list, released today by Research Infosource Inc., had combined growth in research income of 5.8% in Fiscal 2019. The 11 universities kept pace with the national trend of 5.7% growth. Their combined research income expanded to \$2.4 billion in Fiscal 2019, compared with \$2.2 billion in Fiscal 2018. Nine of the 11 universities saw their research income grow. Western universities accounted for 29% of the national total, the same as in Fiscal 2018.

University of British Columbia was the top-ranked Western institution (in 2nd position nationally) with \$624.5 million of research income, up 1.0% on the year, followed by University of Alberta (\$506.3 million, 2.5% increase, 5th spot nationally), and University of Calgary (\$487.8 million, 15.7% increase, 6th nationally).

Six of the universities posted double-digit increases in their research income in Fiscal 2019: University of Northern British Columbia (42.5% gain to \$12.9 million), University of Saskatchewan (39.1% gain to \$243.5 million), University of Winnipeg (31.1% gain to \$12.3 million.) University of Regina (28.7% gain to \$24.4 million), University of Calgary (15.7% gain to \$487.8 million) and Simon Fraser University (12.9% gain to \$161.0 million).

“Fiscal 2019 was a very strong year for Western Canada universities”, said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. “Not only did they match the national trend, but many of them significantly out-performed their peers in research income growth.”

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>

Further, for complete analysis, additional rankings, a special Focus on COVID-19 Research and other editorial content check out **Canada's Innovation Leaders (CIL) 2020** coming February 2021: <https://researchinfosource.com/cil/2020>

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