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**Modest Gain in College Research Income
Cégep de Trois Rivières, Niagara College and Lambton College
Head National Ranking**

Toronto ON, 25 January 2023. *Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges* reported a total of \$278.2 million of sponsored research income in Fiscal 2021, according to Research Infosource Inc., which today released its annual ranking. The Fiscal 2021 total represents a modest 3.8% increase over Fiscal 2020. Research income was in the form of research grants, contracts and contributions from third parties. Cégep de Trois Rivières headed the list with \$19.9 million of research income, followed by Niagara College (\$18.1 million) and Lambton College (\$14.2 million). British Columbia Institute of Technology (\$13.3 million) and Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) (\$13.0 million) - rounded out the top 5. Overall, research income increased at 30 colleges and declined at 20 others.

“Fiscal 2021 was a solid if unspectacular year for college research income”, said Ron Freedman, CEO of Research Infosource. “An overall gain of 3.8% in the national total is quite respectable, but the increase was unevenly distributed, with 40% of colleges reporting a drop in their research income”.

In Fiscal 2021, Total Federal Government sources accounted for 41% of total research funding (\$115.3 million); just over a half of this amount coming from Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) (\$59.6 million). Funding from Industry sources contributed another 27% (\$75.5 million). Provincial Governments added 21% (\$59.6 million) to the total. Colleges completed a total of 2,950 research projects in Fiscal 2021 and engaged in 4,822 research partnerships with outside organizations – companies, governments and not-for-profit organizations. They engaged 3,436 students to work on paid research projects, which provided the students with valuable training.

Sheridan College led the Large college category in Fiscal 2021 with \$3.4 million of industry research income, while Niagara College led the Medium category (\$14.2 million) and Cégep de Trois-Rivières (\$6.0 million) headed the Small grouping. Centennial College topped the Large college category, receiving 48.9% of its total research income from industry, along with Niagara College (Medium, 78.5%) and Cégep de La Pocatière (Small, 71.1%).

This year, Research Infosource spotlighted granting council research income performance – as measured by research income received by colleges from each national granting council between FY2019-FY2021. Winners for each granting council in their respective categories were:

NSERC Research Income: NAIT - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (Large, \$10.4 million), Lambton College (Medium, \$10.6 million) and Cégep de Trois-Rivières (Small, \$16.4 million).

NSERC Research Income as % of Total Research Income: Algonquin College (Large, 35.4%), La Cité (Medium, 38.0%) and Cégep de l'Abitibi-Témiscamingue (Small, 45.5%).

SSHRC Research Income: George Brown College (Large, \$1.9 million), Mohawk College (Medium, \$.75 million) and Selkirk College (Small, \$.31 million).

SSHRC Research Income as % of Total Research Income: Algonquin College (Large, 9.3%), Durham College (Medium, 7.8%) and Selkirk College (Small, 3.7%).

CFI Research Income: NAIT - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (Large, \$3.1 million), Lethbridge College (Medium, \$3.5 million) and Cégep de Trois-Rivières (Small, \$7.4 million).

CFI Research Income as % of Total Research Income: Fanshawe College (Large, 16.1%), Lethbridge College (Medium, 24.6%) and Cégep de Lévis (Small, 17.2%).

For more information: <https://researchinfosource.com/top-50-research-colleges/2022>

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