

Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges List 2013 Analysis

Colleges Positioned for Growth

RESEARCH Infosource is pleased to present its inaugural *Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges 2013*. Canada's research colleges are important and growing research performers in the country's national system of innovation.

The combined research income of the 50 leading research colleges was \$117.3 million in Fiscal 2012, which marked a substantial 30.7% increase over Fiscal 2011. The number of faculty¹ involved in research increased to 1,731 during this period, which represents an increase of 15.2%. Growth in research income and faculty numbers combined to yield an expansion of 13.4% in research intensity – research income per faculty.

SAIT Polytechnic emerged as the leading research college with research income of \$9.8 million in Fiscal 2012, followed by NAIT - Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (\$6.3 million), Newfoundland's College of the North Atlantic (\$6.0 million), Yukon College (\$5.4 million), British Columbia Institute of Technology (\$5.2 million), Sheridan College (\$4.6 million), Red River College (\$4.4 million), Seneca College (\$4.4 million), Collège Édouard-Montpetit (\$3.8 million) and Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles (\$3.5 million) rounding out the Top 10.

Provincial Performance

When research income was rolled up on a provincial basis, Ontario's 15 research colleges accounted for 29% of the total research income in Fiscal 2012, followed by Quebec's 18 colleges (26%) and Alberta's 8 research colleges (21%).

Top 40 – Leading Provinces	
Province	% of Total
Ontario (15)	29
Quebec (18)	26
Alberta (8)	21

¹ Head count of faculty/teaching staff and/or dedicated researchers conducting research. (Does not include support staff or student researchers.)

Research Income Growth Leaders

Canada's research colleges are on the move in research. The ten leading "gainers" all at least doubled their research income between Fiscal 2011 and Fiscal 2012. Grande Prairie Regional College posted the largest research income growth in Fiscal 2012 (377.8%), followed by SAIT Polytechnic (273.5%), Lakeland College (257.5%) and Durham College (165.9%).

Top 10 Research Colleges by Growth			
2012 Rank		Research College	% Change 2011-2012
Income Growth	Overall		
1	15	Grande Prairie Regional College	377.8
2	1	SAIT Polytechnic	273.5
3	46	Lakeland College	257.5
4	25	Durham College	165.9
5	14	La Cité collégiale	158.8
6	12	Centennial College	142.6
7	29	Conestoga College	137.6
8	16	Lambton College	110.0
9	19	Mohawk College	106.3
10	30	NorQuest College	99.7

Research Intensity

Research intensity – research income per faculty¹ – increased by 13.4% in Fiscal 2012. Twenty-four research colleges posted research intensity higher than the national average (\$67,800). Yukon College (\$448,800 per faculty conducting research) topped the leaders in research intensity, followed by Red River College (\$257,200), Grande Prairie Regional College (\$255,600), College of the North Atlantic (\$241,000) and SAIT Polytechnic (\$184,000).

Top 10 Research Intensive Colleges			
2012 Rank		Research College	Research Intensity (\$ per faculty) \$000
Research Intensity	Overall		
1	4	Yukon College	\$448.8
2	7	Red River College	\$257.2
3	15	Grande Prairie Regional College	\$255.6
4	3	College of the North Atlantic	\$241.0
5	1	SAIT Polytechnic	\$184.0
6	16	Lambton College	\$171.8
7	50	Cégep de Rimouski	\$150.0
8	17	Cégep André-Laurendeau	\$140.6
9	23	Olds College	\$130.4
10	19	Mohawk College	\$124.7

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This Year and Next

This is the first year that RESEARCH Infosource has tracked the research income of Canada's research colleges. Thank you to all the colleges that participated and provided information. Congratulations to those that made our *Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges List 2013*. We have assembled the most up-to-date information available to salute the achievements of these Top 50 Research Colleges.

These are exciting times for research colleges. Due to the growing awareness of the unique role colleges play in research, which focuses largely (but not exclusively) on the "applied" end of the research spectrum, governments are backing college research with funding that was previously not available. As well, industry and universities are increasing their collaboration with research colleges which will contribute to strengthening Canada's innovation ecosystem. We are looking forward to following the research colleges and their research achievements and contributions.

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