2017 Research Infosource Rankings

2017 Research Infosource Canada’s Top 50 Research Universities Ranking

Summary
Research Infosource, a company that specializes in providing research and development intelligence, released the annual Canada’s Top 50 Research Universities on October 26, 2017. The University of Saskatchewan (U of S) ranked 11, improving from 13 last year. University of Toronto was the top ranked university, followed by McGill University, University of British Columbia, and University of Montreal.

What is the ranking based on?
The Canada’s Top 50 Research Universities ranking is based on total sponsored research income, that is, all funds to support research received in the form of a grant, contribution, or contract from all sources external to the institution. The 2017 ranking was based on financial data for the 2015-2016 fiscal year from Statistics Canada.

University of Saskatchewan Details
According to the Canada’s Top 50 Research Universities rankings, the U of S had a total sponsored research income of $215,928,000 – the highest since 2001 when the Top 50 Research Universities rankings were first published. U of S consistently ranked between 11 and 15, with 2007 being the only exception.

With an increase of 27.8%, the U of S topped Canadian universities in year-over-year growth of research income. In addition, the U of S ranked second in research intensity per graduate student with an average research income of $68,600. The U of S also ranked 10 in research income per faculty, which was our highest ranking since 2009.

Research University of the Year Ranking
In addition to the Top 50 Research Universities ranking, Research Infosource also published a Research University of the Year (RUY) ranking, which was based on the aggregate score from five equally weighted research performance indicators: total sponsored research income (20%), research intensity (20%, research income per faculty member), total publications (20%), publication intensity (20%, publications per faculty member), and publication impact (20%, citation measurement that is based on the Average Relative Impact Factor developed by Observatoire des sciences et des technologies’ (OST)).

The U of S ranked 14 nationally with a total score of 39.8. Among the individual indicators, U of S performed the best in research intensity (10), followed by total sponsored research income (11), total publications (14), and publication intensity (18) and publication impact (31).