Summary

Research Infosource, a company that specializes in providing research and development intelligence, released the annual Canada’s Top 50 Research Universities on October 15, 2015. The University of Saskatchewan (U of S) ranked 11, improving from 14 last year. University of Toronto was the top ranked university, followed by University of Montreal, University of British Columbia, and McGill University.

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 2015 ranking was based on financial data for 2014 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 $195,264,000. This represented a 23.6 per cent increase from the previous year – the third highest among the top 50 universities, in a year where for the first time in 14 years, Canada’s total combined university research income failed to grow. The chart below illustrated our sponsored research income in relation to our U15 peers.
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%), total publications (20%), publication intensity (20%), and publication impact (20%).

The U of S ranked 15 nationally with a total score of 38.4. Among the individual indicators, U of S performed the best in total sponsored research income (11), followed by research intensity (14), total publications (14), and publication intensity (19). Our research impact was ranked significantly lower at 29.

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