



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
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U of C Joins Group of Canada's Most Research-Intensive Universities

In the early 1990's, the 10 most research-intensive universities in Canada banded together to collaborate in areas of common purpose, advocacy and data exchanges. This group, called the G-10, included the University of Alberta, University of British Columbia, Laval, McGill, McMaster, Université de Montréal, Queen's, University of Toronto, University of Waterloo and University of Western Ontario.

No formal criteria for G-10 membership were formally adopted but two indices of research intensity were typically identified as distinguishing the G-10 from the other universities in Canada. These were: sponsored research funding and graduation of students with PhD's. For some time, other universities have petitioned for membership in the G-10 because of their performance on these two measures. Last year, for example, I sent a comparative table to G-10 presidents pointing out that the U of C ranked seventh in Canada on both of these indicators.

Despite my reluctance to advocate for membership in any club, I persisted with the G-10 for two reasons. First, for universities that pride themselves on research and scholarship, it seemed appropriate that their thinking about membership be guided by evidence and data. Second, it was important to the researchers at the U of C that the significant expansion of scholarly work they had fostered be recognized.

I am pleased to announce that the U of C has been added to this group of Canada's most research-intensive universities. To be precise, the G-10 will expand to a G-13 to include the original members plus the U of C, University of Ottawa and Dalhousie University.

The participation of the U of C in the G-13 is a fitting acknowledgment of the University of Calgary's progress. I trust you take our membership in this group as another sign of the coming of age of the U of C. I trust you also take considerable pride and satisfaction in this recognition – you earned it.

Thanks.

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President