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CARL welcomes Budget 2014's commitment to university research

OTTAWA – The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) welcomes the Government of Canada's commitment to university research announced in Budget 2014. Our members enable access to and preservation of information throughout Canada's largest universities.

CARL members are pleased to see the creation of an Open Data Institute at the University of Waterloo. We hope this initiative will lead to a comprehensive approach that ensures the preservation and widespread availability of research data for the benefit of Canadian academics, researchers and businesses.

Budget 2014 includes a number of measures that will strengthen university research, notably the creation of the Canada First Research Excellence Fund for post-secondary institutions. CARL members look forward to details about the new program and its implementation.

The government rightly notes the historical importance of 2017, Canada's 150th anniversary. Increased funding for the Virtual Museum of Canada and the Online Works of Reference will help connect more Canadians with their past. We hope that the government will also strengthen Library and Archives Canada, an institution with a central role in preserving our national heritage.

The granting agencies offer essential support to Canadian researchers. Increasing their funding, including money for academic discovery, will lead to greater innovations. We are happy to note the \$46 million increased funding to the granting councils and \$9 million to the Indirect Cost Program.

Enabling affordable access to broadband Internet services for all Canadians is essential to sharing knowledge. The announced \$305 million to increase access to broadband internet for 280,000 households will go a long way in accomplishing this goal.

CARL includes Canada's twenty-nine largest university libraries. Enhancing research and higher education is at the heart of our mission. CARL promotes effective and sustainable scholarly communication, and public policy that enables broad access to scholarly information.

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