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Canadian Consortium for Research Applauds Reinstatement of Long-Form Census

Ottawa (November 5, 2015) – The Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR) applauds the new Liberal federal government on its reinstatement of the mandatory long-form census. The CCR has been calling for its reinstatement since its cancellation in 2010.

“Reliable data that is collected in a standardized manner from a representative sample is essential to inform public policy, direct innovation, influence economic and social prosperity, and examine complex socio-economic issues,” says Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, Chair, CCR.

Information generated by the mandatory long-form provides a scientific basis for understanding the workings and directions of Canadian society and to consider and implement personal, economic, and policy decisions. The voluntary National Household Survey, with its much lower return rate (~68% compared to ~94% for the Census) has left us with a lack of reliable data from a representative national sample and major information gaps about key populations and the Canadian landscape.

The CCR hopes that the government will also consider reinstating other Statistics Canada surveys such as the University and College Academic Staff System (UCASS) and the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED). The discontinuation of these, and many other surveys, has left significant gaps in our understanding of the Canadian landscape.

About the Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR)

The CCR is the largest advocacy coalition in Canada, focusing on research funding in all disciplines and support for post-secondary education. CCR includes 20 organizations that represent more than 50,000 researchers and 500,000 students across disciplines. To find out more go to www.ccr-ccr.ca

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