



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Living our Professional Values: Essentials for Faculty Development Guide

The Faculty of Medicine is committed to living up to the spirit and specific recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with regard to healthcare environments and healthcare professional education.

One aspect of respecting the Indigenous heritage and contributions of Indigenous Peoples to our current context is the Land Acknowledgement where our institutions acknowledge that they are built on Indigenous land that was appropriated by settlers.

Please see below for Faculty of Medicine's Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge the land on which the Faculty of Medicine operates. For thousands of years, it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

However, our Office of Inclusion and Diversity has joined others in emphasizing the importance of Land Acknowledgements not being made in a tokenistic fashion and engaging both the giver of the acknowledgement and the audience in a meaningful discussion of its content. We therefore encourage workshop facilitators – whether conducting in person or online workshops – to contact the Faculty of Medicine; Office of Indigenous Medical Education (<https://md.utoronto.ca/office-indigenous-medical-education>) for discussion on how to invest your land acknowledgement with greater meaning.

The following resources provide some recommendations:

<https://locallove.ca/issues/land-acknowledgements-uncovering-an-oral-history-of-tkaronto/#.X1ZrvWdKiEt>

<https://opentextbc.ca/indigenizationinstructors/chapter/understanding-territorial-acknowledgement-as-a-respectful-relationship/>

<https://nativegov.org/a-guide-to-indigenous-land-acknowledgment/>

<https://thevarsity.ca/2019/03/16/to-properly-acknowledge-indigenous-territory-go-off-script/>