

## **Land Acknowledgement Statement Policy**

1. UWOFA shall use, as its land acknowledgement statement, the following language modelled on the statement adopted by the University Senate:

The campus of the University of Western Ontario is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lenapeewak and Attawandaron peoples. They have longstanding relationships to the land and region of southwestern Ontario and the City of London. The First Nations communities of our local area include Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee Delaware Nation. In the region, there are eleven First Nations communities and a growing Indigenous urban population.

UWOFA values the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original peoples of Turtle Island (also known as North America).

UWOFA considers that acknowledging territory shows recognition and respect for Indigenous peoples, which is essential to establishing healthy reciprocal relations and to achieving reconciliation. We invite you to consider what this acknowledgement means to you on a personal level.

2. It shall be acceptable, as an alternative to the statement in clause 1, to use the following statement:

UWOFA acknowledges that the campus of the University of Western Ontario is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Lenapeewak and Attawandaron peoples. More information is available in UWOFA's Land Acknowledgement Policy.

3. The statement shall be read at the start of all meetings of Members and all of UWOFA's formal public events.
4. In the discretion of the chair of the meeting, the statement may be read at the start of a meeting of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or any other UWOFA committee.
5. The statement shall be read at any meeting when it is formally included in the agenda as approved for that meeting.

Approved:  
Board of Directors – February 26, 2018