



Acknowledging The Land

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Why we do Land Acknowledgments

- You may choose to provide a land acknowledgement at the beginning of a lecture, meeting, workshop, conference, or celebration at TRIUMF. Any acknowledgement provided should not be treated as an afterthought or a chore. Land acknowledgements are a show of respect and should be delivered with sincerity and respect.
- **A land acknowledgement is an opportunity to reflect upon your own relationship with the land** – how does this land enable your work, provide space for learning and growth, hold space for communities, etc.? Wherever possible, make the land acknowledgement meaningful by communicating its relevance to the context of the gathering, or your own personal experience.

“Territory acknowledgement is a way that people insert an awareness of Indigenous presence and land rights in everyday life. This is often done at the beginning of ceremonies, lectures, or any public event. It can be a subtle way to recognize the history of colonialism and a need for change in settler colonial societies.” (Native-Land.ca)

Different Land Acknowledgements Across Metro Vancouver

Our province is home to over 200 distinct First Nations, each with their own unique traditions and history.

Metro Vancouver is situated within the traditional territories of 10 local First Nations:

[q̓ic̓əy̓ \(Katzie\)](#)

• [q̓ʷa:n̓l̓ən̓ \(Kwantlen\)](#)

• [k̓ʷik̓ʷəłəm \(Kwkwetlem\)](#)

• [máthxwi \(Matsqui\)](#)

• [x̓ʷməθk̓ʷəy̓əm \(Musqueam\)](#)

• [q̓iqéyt \(Qayqayt\)](#)

• [se'mya'me \(Semiahmoo\)](#)

• [Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw \(Squamish\)](#)

• [s̓c̓əwaθən məsteyəx̓ʷ \(Tsawwassen\)](#)

• [s̓əlílwətaʔt \(Tsleil-Waututh\)](#)

The University Endowment Lands, on which TRIUMF is situated, are the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the x̓ʷməθk̓ʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), by agreement with First Nations and UBC

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TRIUMF's home has always been a seat of learning.



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Next Steps

- Consider adding the acknowledgement to your email signature, and using the slide above in your upcoming presentations
- When you do, take the time to personally reflect and share your own experiences, what land you live on, or what actions you are taking towards meaningful reconciliation
- Resources:
 - [UBC Indigenous Portal](#)
 - [BCIT Indigenous Awareness \(Free MOOC\)](#)
 - [Land Acknowledgements at TRIUMF](#)
 - [Native-Land.ca](#)
 - [National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Calls to Justice](#)
 - [Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action](#)