

Journal of Occupational Science

Policy on Territorial or Land Acknowledgement

This policy applies to submissions to the Journal of Occupational Science by authors from occupied or colonised land.

Effective from:

This policy comes into effect immediately.

Colonised lands

Honouring and acknowledging their homelands and ancestral connection to the environment is a centuries old tradition of Indigenous, Aboriginal, First Nations peoples. That connection is recognized in the United Nations' (2007) *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, which acknowledges Indigenous peoples' inalienable rights to "the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired" (Article 26). It asserts that "control by Indigenous peoples over developments affecting them and their lands, territories and resources will enable them to maintain and strengthen their institutions, cultures and traditions, and to promote their development in accordance with their aspirations and needs" (p. 4).

In alignment with the UN Declaration, the policy of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Occupational Science* is that, where it is customary or becoming customary for presenters at public events and conferences to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which a meeting takes place, authors will:

- Acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which the institution to which they are affiliated is located, and/or
- Acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which research was conducted.

Towards enacting this policy, authors are also encouraged to:

- Document when research is undertaken in partnership with the traditional owners of the land where the research takes place, to enhance their mutual prosperity and values
- Use the Indigenous language to identify peoples, places, and practices (with English language translation in brackets as appropriate)
- Provide participant quotes in the language used by those participants (with English language translation in brackets)

Examples of the text to appear on JOS articles are given below.

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In the Acknowledgements:

We honour and thank the XX Nation of State/Territory and XX Nations of the XX River as our community partners and traditional inhabitants of the lands of the City of XX in the Region of XX and surrounding areas, where this research was conducted.

Occupied lands

Where ownership of land is contested under international law, that is to be explicitly acknowledged. Examples of the text to appear on JOS articles are given below.

Author affiliation:

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XX University, City, Occupied Palestinian Territories (United Nations designation)

In the Acknowledgements:

We acknowledge that ownership of the land on which this research was conducted is located is contested. The United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334 in 2016 reconfirmed that this site is within Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Assistance with the Policy

For further information about the origin and intent of the policy, please contact the *Journal of Occupational Science* President: Professor Mandy Stanley at m.stanley@ecu.edu.au

Authors seeking advice on enacting this policy are invited to contact the Journal of Occupational Science Executive Editor at executiveeditor@Joccupationalscience.org

References

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Notes

1. Thanks to Laura Bulk for giving permission to include this text as an example.