Welcome to the Engaging Science Trail

at QUT's Samford Ecological Research Facility

Meander through South-east Queensland bushland, learn about its native flora and fauna, Indigenous culture, National Research Infrastructure and the environmental research projects it supports.

The Engaging Science Trail is a joint initiative between Samford Ecological Research Facility (SERF) and TERN, Australia's ecosystem monitoring network. It is the first interactive education trail for research infrastructure in South East Queensland.

The Samford Ecological Research Facility rests on land rich in natural beauty. It is a land of freshwater creeks and ponds, lush rainforest, thick eucalypt woodland and towering mountain peaks. It is a sanctuary to many rare and endangered native animals, from the tiniest marsupials to Australia's largest owl.

It is also Aboriginal land that was never ceded.

This Country holds many sites of great significance to its Aboriginal custodians. Samford was an important location for kippa-ring, or initiation ceremony, and is also home to a Bora ring and a burial site belonging to the land's first inhabitants.

QUT acknowledges the Elders and Ancestors of this land, and thanks them for the care they have shown to this Country. QUT will show the same respect for Country, and will continue the long tradition of learning, teaching and research that has always taken place on this land.









