



The Brien Holden Foundation has an exciting opportunity to work in delivering public health eye care services in Central Australia. This optometrist position will be based with our partner Central Australian Aboriginal Congress in Alice Springs.

About the Brien Holden Foundation:

The Brien Holden Foundation is a non-profit organisation who believes it is the right of everyone, everywhere to have the best possible vision. The Foundation delivers sustainable eye care services, education, and training programs in remote and isolated communities in Australia and overseas. The Foundation is focused on the elimination of uncorrected vision impairment and avoidable blindness by developing eye care solutions within communities in most need, thereby improving opportunities in education, employment, and quality of life.



In the Northern Territory, we provide optometry and eye health services and training to over 55 remote Aboriginal communities. We work in partnership with health services to provide culturally appropriate, accessible, and affordable outreach optometry services as part of broader primary health care programs.

About the role:

We are looking for a passionate, skilled and flexible **Optometrist** to join our team for an exciting contract with our partner, Central Australia Aboriginal Congress in Alice Springs. The aim of the project is to support the establishment of an integrated and comprehensive model of eye health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Alice Springs region. The role incorporates both service delivery and service development accountabilities.

Delivering effective health care in the unique environments of the Northern Territory, particularly for our First Nations Territorians, requires us to be agile, collaborative and open to many ways of overcoming challenges. This role is based in Alice Springs, with occasional travel to other Congress community health clinics in Central Australia. You will primarily be providing primary eye health services, along with delivering eye health training, school-based eye care and other primary eye health services.

The successful optometrist will possess sound optometry skills, an open and positive attitude, strong communication skills, and a drive to evolve the type and quality of care received by communities in Central Australia. Ongoing mentorship and support will be provided from our NT team as part of the role.



Requirements:

Essential:

- Tertiary qualification in Optometry with valid registration to practice optometry in Australia
- Demonstrated ability, or willingness to learn, to create culturally safe and inclusive environments for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people and the community
- Ability to travel through out Central Australia by way of 4WD or light aircraft
- A current (or ability to get) Working with Children card, a National Police Check, and manual driver's licence

Desirable:

- The ability to develop positive working relationships with a variety of stakeholders, including within the Congress, towards the improvement of eye health within the community
- Experience in community or public health optometry
- Ocular Therapeutics endorsement
- Undergraduate or post graduate training in areas relevant to public health, Indigenous health, rural and remote health, community development or similar

Benefits:

- Working as part of a passionate, small team in the NT, in conjunction with broader Allied Health team at Congress
- Access to generous non-profit salary packaging arrangements (up to \$15 900 p.a towards living expenses before tax)
- No sales targets, no weekends
- Flexible working arrangements
- Relocation allowance
- Appointment type: Full time, 12 month contract

How to apply:

For any questions regarding the role, please contact Sarah Nicholls NT Program Manager / Optometrist s.nicholls@brienholdenfoundation.org or by phone 08 8981 9880

To apply for the position please email a one page cover letter outlining your suitability to this role, along with a copy of your resume (1-2 pages) to Sarah Nicholls s.nicholls@brienholdenfoundation.org

At Brien Holden Foundation, we are committed to providing a working environment where each individual is valued, respected and supported to progress. Our priority is to ensure culture, policies and processes are truly inclusive and that no-one is disadvantaged on the basis of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity, gender, culture, disability, LGBTIQ+ identities, family and caring responsibilities, age, or religion. We encourage everyone who meets the selection criteria and shares Brien Holden's values of scholarship, empowerment and integrity to apply.