



Brien Holden Foundation has an exciting opportunity for an community OPTOMETRIST to provide outreach public health eye care services in the Northern Territory.

About the Brien Holden Foundation:

Brien Holden Foundation is an Australian 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 seeking a highly motivated optometrist to join our Australia program in the Northern Territory (NT) to commence in September 2023. This unique role will involve extensive and regular travel (at least 50% of the time) to deliver outreach optometry services alongside a regional eye health coordinator to remote communities mainly based around Central Australia. Project work may involve general administration, reporting, primary health care practitioner training, Indigenous workforce support, and advocacy. The role is highly rewarding and suitable for an optometrist keen to expand their experience in public health.

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**. 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 the Northern Territory. Ongoing mentorship and support will be provided from our NT team as part of the role.





Requirements:

Essential:

- Tertiary qualification in optometry, with minimum two years' clinical experience
- Valid AHPRA registration to clinically practice optometry in Australia
- Demonstrated initiative, resourcefulness, integrity, and kindness
- Strong capacity for culturally safe relations with Aboriginal people
- Ability to develop good working relationships with health workers
- Availability to travel extensively (within NT and occasionally other locations), 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:

- Ocular therapeutics endorsement
- Undergraduate or postgraduate training in areas relevant to Indigenous health, rural and remote health, public health, community development, or similar.

Benefits:

- Working as part of a passionate, small team in the NT
- Access to generous non-profit salary packaging arrangements (up to \$16K p.a towards living expenses before tax)
- Flexible working arrangements
- No sales targets, KPIs or weekend work (occasional travel may be required some weekend days)
- Relocation allowance may apply
- AHPRA and Optometry Australia fees covered, annual conference allowance
- Appointment type: Full or part time, 12 month contract with view to longer term if suited

For any questions regarding the role, please contact:

Selina Madeleine, Executive Director, BHF at s.madeleine@brienholdenfoundation.org

How to apply:

To apply for the position please email a one page cover letter outlining your suitability and passion for applying for this role, along with a copy of your resume, thank you.

Email to: Selina Madeleine at: s.madeleine@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.