



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 help deliver optometry services as part of an exciting contract with our partner, Central Australia Aboriginal Congress in Alice Springs. We have short term contracts available (minimum 3 months preferred). 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 can be adapted to incorporate both service delivery and/or 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. During the contracted time, 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.

You will need to 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 contract.



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
- 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
- Accommodation provided for short term contracts
- No sales targets or KPIs
- Clinical hours Monday-Friday only, so weekends are free to explore the amazing red centre
- Short term contracts available (prefer minimum 3 months)
- Immediate start available

How to apply:

For any questions or to register your interest, please contact Sarah Nicholls NT Program Manager / Optometrist s.nicholls@brienholdenfoundation.org or by phone 08 8981 9880

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.