



Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH) & The Fred Hollows Foundation Workforce Initiative 2024

The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health (IUIH) and The Fred Hollows Foundation are offering final year optometry student an exciting ‘workforce initiative’ scholarship opportunity.

We welcome applications from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students, as well as students interested in working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

The successful applicant will be provided with a student placement experience (minimum 4 weeks), a travel and accommodation support package, and the opportunity to attend relevant Australian conferences with financial support.



Please note: The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health operates in an urban setting in South East Queensland. The eye health team does not provide experience or exposure to rural and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

DEADLY *urban eyes*

Placement opportunity:

The IUIH Eye Health Team deliver optometry and ophthalmology services to 16 Aboriginal Medical Centres within the urban setting of Southeast Queensland. This is a unique opportunity to experience optometry embedded within holistic, culturally appropriate care.

- Minimum 4 weeks unpaid placement (20 business days): either as one block of 4 weeks, or two blocks of 2 weeks each
- Placement dates need to be approved by IUIH and the successful students' university

Support package:

A support package will be provided to the successful student which may be utilized to support the following (pending approval from IUIH and FHF):

- Travel costs
- Accommodation
- Living expenses



Students are advised to stay in a central Brisbane location and will travel daily to clinics in greater Brisbane and surrounds.

Conference travel:

The successful student will be financially supported to attend at least one of the following national conferences:

- National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Eye Health Conference (NATSIEHC)
- Optometry Australia state conference
- Indigenous Allied Health Australia Conference

How to Apply:

Students are to complete and submit the attached application form and return to IUIH by the by 11.59pm on Sunday 17th December, 2023 to Student Placement Coordinator at studentplacements@iuih.org.au. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants must:

- Be in their final year of optometry studies (graduating in 2024)
- Attach a copy of your resume to your application. Applications without a resume will not be accepted
- Shortlisted applicants will attend an interview with IUIH (in person or via Zoom)
- Students completing placement within the IUIH Network must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to commencing placement

For more information:

Please see <https://www.iuih.org.au/> or contact Student Placement Coordinator at studentplacements@iuih.org.au.