



Volunteer at the Lions Eye Institute



Help us in our drive to
eradicate blindness

Volunteer Program

The Lions Eye Institute (LEI) is on a quest to save sight. We offer a full range of eye health care services through our clinic, with surpluses directly supporting our world-leading medical research. By volunteering at the LEI you are helping us in our drive to eradicate blindness.



Concierge Program

In association with the Lions Save-Sight Foundation, the LEI runs a Concierge Program, manned by volunteers easily recognisable in their vibrant red vests. Their role is to assist patients in a variety of ways from escorting them to their appointment, collecting prescriptions, arranging and safely conveying them from treatment areas and to their transport or making them a cup of tea whilst they wait in the clinic.



The role of the volunteers is aimed at making a visit to the LEI a more seamless experience and is greatly appreciated by patients and visitors.

If you would like to join the Volunteer Concierge Program we are looking for the following skills and abilities:

- Friendly and comfortable in approaching people to offer assistance.
- Able to listen and to learn about LEI's services and to convey this information accurately.
- Able to perform duties in a safe manner, maintaining an awareness of health and safety for self, team members and patients.
- Able to work as a member of a team, and with a minimum of supervision.
- Mindful of the needs of people with a disability.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

The LEI welcomes volunteers with a wide range of skills, abilities and interests. Volunteer positions can be available in research, administration and fundraising. Please contact us to discuss joining in our quest to save sight.

About the Lions Eye Institute

In 1925, when Helen Keller urged Lions Clubs to join her in a 'crusade against darkness', she planted a seed that has yielded a rich harvest all over the world.

Forty-five years after her initial call, at their 1970 conference in Albany, Lions Clubs in Western Australia formed the Lions Save-Sight Foundation WA Inc. (LSSF) to lead the development of world-class ophthalmic care.



Over time, the LSSF achieved a number of milestones – including the establishment of the Lions Chair in Ophthalmology at The University of Western Australia in 1975 with Professor Ian Constable AO at the helm.

Professor Constable went on to create the LEI in 1983, a not-for-profit organisation established to save sight. Under his guidance the LEI rapidly became a global centre for first-class scientific research into blindness and eye disease.

Today LEI's Managing Director Professor David Mackey leads a large team of clinicians, medical professionals, researchers and support staff. Under his leadership the LEI is moving into the next generation of eye research and treatment to meet the needs of a growing and aging population while consolidating our reputation as a centre of global excellence in eye health.

The LEI's ophthalmology clinic has an international reputation for providing high-quality care, with more than 50,000 patients seen each year – including many from south-east Asia. Surplus clinic funds support the LEI's internationally renowned scientific research.

The LEI also houses a Day Surgery Unit, the Lions Save-Sight Foundation WA, a Laser Vision Centre – Western Australia's premier refractive surgery centre, the Lions Eye Bank – responsible for the collecting, processing and distribution of corneal and scleral tissue throughout Western Australia, and Lions Optics.



For further information on volunteering for the Lions Eye Institute please contact us



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Help Save Sight

Our vision is to prevent and cure blindness and eye disease.

Donations from the community help us in our drive to eradicate blindness.