Eyes on Rural Mentoring Program

Position Description, Mentor

**Expectations:**

Mentors who take part in the Eyes on Rural Mentoring Program are expected to make themselves available 3 times a year for contact with their mentee, at least one of these contacts must be a visit to the mentor’s practice in rural Victoria. It is acceptable to have the other contact times as a telephone call or skype contact. Mentors are required to undertake the training provided to them by The University of Melbourne Department of Rural Health before they can participate. All participating optometrists must meet the conditions laid out in the Guidelines.

**Appointment details:**

Take on the mentor role for the duration of the student’s participation in the Doctor of Optometry course at the University of Melbourne

**Suggested topics for discussion:**

* Professional benefits of practising rurally, for example, increased opportunity to manage primary ocular health conditions
* Shared care arrangements for managing patients locally
* Your journey to practising where you practice now
* Lifestyle benefits of residing rurally
* Challenges faced working rurally, for example CPD access, and how you have overcome these.
* Encourage the mentee to ask questions