



Volunteer Opportunity: Board Member

Location: Remote (with occasional in-person meetings or events as needed)

Time Commitment: Part-Time Commitment (8-10 Board meetings scheduled at midday), preferably Melbourne based.

Are you passionate about making a meaningful impact in health through education, innovation, and research? The O'Brien Foundation based in Melbourne is seeking dedicated and visionary individuals to join our Board of Directors as non-executive Directors. This is a unique opportunity to contribute your leadership, expertise, and insights to guide our foundation's mission and strategy.

About the O'Brien Foundation

The O'Brien Foundation (a Charity registered with the ACNC) raises funds to support groundbreaking research conducted by the O'Brien Institute, part of St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research, Melbourne. This research focuses on innovative treatments to restore form and function for individuals suffering from *traumatic injuries, cancer (including the after-effects of treatment), and congenital deformities.*

Since the 1970s, the O'Brien Institute has been a global pioneer in reconstructive plastic surgery, advancing microsurgical techniques that transformed multi-stage procedures into single-stage operations. Today, researchers are pushing boundaries by moving beyond physical reconstruction to focus on sub-cellular regenerative processes. Through cutting-edge techniques like tissue engineering, stem cell research, and molecular enhancements, the foundation continues Bernard O'Brien's legacy of restoring dignity and hope to patients.

The O'Brien Foundation has raised funds over the years to support research and researchers in the areas of Microsurgery, lymphoedema, lipoedema, tissue generation and heart disease including the effects on the heart from Friedreich's ataxia

Learn more about us at www.obrienfoundation.com and/or search for us on the ACNC Register [here](#) :

Role Overview

As a volunteer member of the Board of Directors, you will play a critical role in shaping the vision and direction of the O'Brien Foundation. You will collaborate with passionate fellow board members to oversee governance, provide strategic guidance, and support the foundation's mission to promote research in the areas of research activity at the O'Brien Institute and fundraise for this cause.

Key Responsibilities

- Collaborate with fellow board members to set the strategic direction and priorities of the foundation including how it raises funds.
- Provide governance oversight to ensure the foundation operates with integrity, transparency, and accountability.
- Support fundraising efforts, including leveraging personal and professional networks to expand the foundation's reach.
- Attend and support O'Brien Foundation fund raising events including Hummingbird lunches and annual dinner and the O'Brien Collective events.

- Act as an ambassador for the O'Brien Foundation, promoting its mission and programs to the broader community.
- Attend and actively participate in board meetings (typically 6 a year) and serve on committees or workgroups as needed.
- Contribute your professional expertise to strengthen the foundation's impact and effectiveness.

Who We're Looking For

We are seeking individuals with a passion for the O'Brien Foundation's mission and values, as well as one or more of the following qualities:

- Leadership experience in nonprofit, corporate, or community settings.
- Expertise in areas such as philanthropy, education, finance, fundraising, marketing, governance, or law.
- A strong network and the ability to engage with stakeholders and partners.
- Skills in fundraising, marketing, or patient advocacy, which are critical to advancing our mission.
- Prior experience serving on a board (preferred but not required).
- A collaborative mindset and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Why Join the O'Brien Foundation Board?

- Gain the opportunity to influence and shape our philanthropic initiatives and influence our future direction.
- Collaborate with a passionate and dedicated team of Directors.
- Contribute your skills and experience to meaningful work that empowers others and makes a difference to Australians.

How to Apply

If you're ready to serve on the Board of the O'Brien Foundation and help guide our mission to foster innovation, education, and opportunity, we'd love to hear from you!

Please email your Resume and a brief statement of interest to **[admin@obrienfoundation.com]** with the subject line: *Board Member Application – O'Brien Foundation*.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and will close on 31st May, 2025.