

Luxottica Retail N.A. has partnered with the [American Optometric Student Association](#) (AOSA) to create a special [OneSight](#) clinic for optometry students in Tanzania May 5-13, 2017.

OneSight, a global non-profit organization founded and sponsored by Luxottica, has provided eye exams and glasses to more than 9 million people across 46 countries as part of its mission to eradicate the global vision crisis. This special OD clinic, created in partnership with AOSA and the [International Medical and Technological University](#) (IMTU) in Tanzania, will give students firsthand experience with the global vision crisis and a chance to work alongside a multinational team to help 2,500 patients in the Dar Es Salaam region.



For many years, Luxottica employees and affiliated doctors have given a deeper meaning to their work by volunteering their time and skills at one of many OneSight Vision Care Clinics in the most underserved areas around the world. With this clinic, Luxottica Retail will for the first time extend the opportunity to optometry students from across North America.

During the course of the one-week clinic, OD students will work under the supervision of licensed optometrists performing comprehensive eye exams. They will also help support a core team of Luxottica volunteers in the frame fitting, manufacturing and dispensing of eyewear. For the 25 students selected, Luxottica will cover expenses associated with the clinic, including airfare, accommodations and meals.

“Optometry students are an incredibly passionate group, particularly when it comes to social good; we know there is a lot they can bring to the OneSight experience,” said Dr. Jason Singh, Luxottica’s Chief Medical Officer. “This clinic is a rare opportunity for them to immerse themselves in an area that averages only one OD for every 200,000 people. For perspective, the United States has roughly one OD for every 7,000 people. The OD students will be working alongside top ODs using some of the industry’s leading technology and making a significant impact on thousands of lives.”

“The opportunity to partner with OneSight and Luxottica in bringing optical care to those with such great need is exactly the kind of opportunity OD students are eager to engage in,” says AOSA President Erick Henderson. “Giving back is a shared value of our student community. This vision clinic will certainly be a very powerful experience.”

Optometry students submitted their applications for the clinic through an online process that ran through mid-December 2016. A committee made up of the AOSA Board and American Optometric

Association leaders is managing the selection process. The Tanzania clinic team members will be announced in February 2017.