

PROFESSOR STEPHANIE WATSON**Bsc(Med), MMBS, FRANZCO, PhD**

Bsc(Med), MMBS, FRANZCO, PhD, Professor, Save Sight Institute, University of Sydney Chair, Ophthalmic Research Institute of Australia, Chair, RANZCO Public Health Committee

Professor Stephanie Watson is corneal and cataract surgeon with appointments at Sydney Eye, Prince of Wales, and Sydney Children's Hospitals and the Save Sight Institute, University of Sydney. She is in practice in Bondi Junction.

Prof Watson leads a research program focused on innovative solutions to restore sight and promote eye health, and trains the next generation of eye care workers and researchers. Prof Watson is recognised internationally for her ground-breaking corneal therapies; including a world-first stem cell transplantation technique. She has over 135 publications and given over 150 presentations nationally and internationally. Her career has been supported by the National Health and Medical Research Council.

As Chair of the Ophthalmic Research Institute of Australia; Chair, Public Health Committee Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists; and Editor, Cochrane Eyes and Vision Group UK she contributes to policy development. Prof Watson was selected by the University of Sydney for the Chief Executive Women leaders programme and has completed the ARVO Leadership development programme for Women. She is a member of the ARVO, Advocacy and Outreach Committee. ARVO is the largest and most respected eye and vision research organization in the world. Awards received include first prize on the Medical Device Commercialisation Training Program, Pride of Australia nomination, UNSW Early stage innovation award finalist, Gustav Nossal NHMRC scholarship - awarded to the highest ranked applicant, and the 'Les is more' grand final and people's choice award on The New Inventors.

Stephanie Watson is appointed as a Professor at the Save Sight Institute, University of Sydney where she leads a research program focused on innovative solutions to restore sight and promote eye health, and trains the next generation of eye care workers and researchers. She is a corneal and cataract surgeon at the Sydney Eye, Prince of Wales, and Sydney Children's Hospitals and the Save Sight Institute, University of Sydney. Prof Watson is the CEO of a start-up. Her professional roles include Chair of the Ophthalmic Research Institute of Australia; Chair, Public Health Committee Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists; and Editor, Cochrane Eyes and Vision Group UK she contributes to policy development. Prof Watson was selected by the University of Sydney for the Chief Executive Women leaders programme in 2017 and is undertaking the ARVO Leadership development programme for Women.