

# Smile Train & COSECSA **Scholarship**



## For a 3-year FCS Training Programme

Smile Train has renewed its partnership with the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) for a period of 5 years, providing scholarships in plastic surgery as well as increased opportunities in cleft and reconstructive surgery Training.

Over the next 5 years, Smile Train will invest \$1.2Million towards COSECSA's training in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

**OBJECTIVE** – *To increase surgical capacity for cleft lip and palate surgery.*

### ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Smile Train and COSECSA aim to increase the surgical capacity within the region by providing scholarships for plastic surgery training. In this regard we are inviting applications for a 3 year FCS training programme at a COSECSA accredited facility. This scholarship is open to all trainees that have completed their MCS level training at a COSECSA accredited facility. Those sitting their MCS examinations in December 2021 are also eligible subject to passing their examination. Please see the application process.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

- ✓ Applicants wishing to study Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery are invited to apply for the Smile Train scholarship.
- ✓ Applicants should include a personal statement indicating future goals, a current CV and a letter of support from the surgical training Programme Director of the hospital in which the candidate is currently employed.
- ✓ The applicant must submit an acceptance letter from a COSECSA Accredited Plastic Surgery training facility.
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure a training post, and if required a work permit if training away from their home country.
- ✓ Completed application should be sent to COSECSA scholarship committee through the following link: <https://www.cosecsa.org/scholarship-application-form/>

**Application Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.**

*Successful Candidates will be notified by 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.*

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**The Award is administered through COSECSA to cover expenses towards:**

- ✓ FCS programme entry fee.
- ✓ Travel for short annual courses x 3 years.
- ✓ Examination fees including the cost of travel to the examination venue (ticket and 4 nights' accommodation).
- ✓ Graduation fees and hire of graduation gown.
- ✓ \$12,000 annual living stipend for each Trainee.

**For more details log onto**

<https://www.cosecsa.org/cosecsa-smile-train-scholarship-announcement/>

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