



**COSECSA**

College of Surgeons of  
East, Central and Southern Africa



## COSECSA – SMILE TRAIN SHORT TERM EXCHANGE/ROTATION PROGRAMME

### GOAL

To further develop and equip surgeons with the necessary skills in Cleft Lip and Palate Surgery and promote the exchange of knowledge and surgical skills among trainees across COSECSA Plastic Surgery Training hospitals in East, Central and Southern Africa.

### OBJECTIVES

- + To promote the exchange of knowledge and surgical skills among trainees.
- + To create equity of training in specific surgical specialties and in particular cleft surgery.
- + To promote exchange of surgical leadership and management skills.
- + To improve access to cleft surgery in the specific surgical disciplines.
- + Improve the quality of training provided to the trainees in the COSECSA Region.
- + Increase networking among the selected trainees and institutions.

### ABOUT THE SHORT-TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Smile Train and the College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA), are collaborating on a short term (1-Month) exchange Programme for COSECSA trainees who wish to widen the scope of their training in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. The exchange will occur at another COSECSA Plastic Surgery accredited hospital. The Programme involves different nationalities moving from one country to another for capacity building.

- + 6 Plastic Surgery Trainees will be supported for the 2023 exchange programme.
- + The Exchange period is April - July 2023.
- + The period is one (1) month training in a COSECSA Plastic surgery accredited hospital.
- + It is only available for FCS plastic surgery level trainees and excludes Membership (MCS) Level candidates.
- + The applicant must have applied and been accepted in a hospital accredited for training in plastic surgery by COSECSA.

***NB: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure a training post is available and a work permit is obtained from the host country before applying (where applicable)***

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- ✓ Personal statement indicating expected results or outcomes.
- ✓ Cover Letter indicating the scholarship and preferred hospital of training.
- ✓ An updated Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- ✓ A letter of support from the surgical training Programme Director of the current hospital of training.
- ✓ Host acceptance letter

- ✓ Complete application should be sent to COSECSA by filling the form [HERE](#)
- ✓ Reference Number “**EP-SMILETRAIN-COSECSA/2023/1**” & Scholarship Name “**COSECSA – SMILE TRAIN SHORT TERM EXCHANGE/ROTATION PROGRAMME**”

**Application Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Successful applicants will be notified 2-weeks after the deadline.

**NB: Applications that do not meet all the requirements will not be considered**

## COSECSA ACCREDITED PLASTIC SURGERY TRAINING SITES

- + AIC Kijabe, including AIC-CURE International Children’s Hospital, Kenya
- + Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services in Uganda (CoRSU), Uganda
- + Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital (QECH), Malawi
- + University Teaching Hospital of Kigali (CHUK), Rwanda
- + Mulago Hospital, Uganda
- + Muhimbili National Hospital, Tanzania
- + Parirenyatwa Hospital, Zimbabwe
- + University Teaching Hospital, Lusaka (UTH), Zambia
- + Yekatit 12 Hospital, Ethiopia
- + ALERT Hospital, Ethiopia
- + Jimma Medical Center, Ethiopia
- + Rwanda Military Hospital, Rwanda
- + Soba University Hospital, Sudan
- + Khartoum Teaching Hospital, Sudan
- + Omdurman Teaching Hospital, Sudan

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Exchange Programme is funded by Smile Train for a 1-month training period in another COSECSA Plastic Surgery Training Site.

The Programme is administered through COSECSA to cover expenses towards:

- ✓ Host Training Site Facilitation Fee
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Air Transport
- ✓ Per Diem
- ✓ Ground Transport
- ✓ Visa

**NB: COSECSA or Smile Train will not meet any additional costs (e.g., Medical Licenses) apart from the costs stipulated above.**