



**COSECSA**

College of Surgeons of  
East, Central and Southern Africa

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## Call for Applications

# COSECSA Global Surgery Attachment Program

Globally, over 5 billion people lack access to safe, affordable and timely surgical care, including the majority of people in sub-Saharan Africa. The situation is worse in rural settings where more than 50% of the population lives. Global surgery is an emerging field aiming to respond to the global unmet needs for surgical care.

Recognizing the increasing interest among trainees and providers from around the world, the College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) is starting a COSECSA Global Surgery Attachment Program. The program is funded by the Intuitive Foundation and will expose trainees, fellows and providers to this emerging field of global health and stimulate them toward the development of context-relevant questions and strategies to improve surgical care. The attachment will be at selected COSECSA Accredited hospitals, 50% of which are in rural settings serving the largest population and with the highest unmet need for surgical care. They will be under the Program Directors who have the best understanding and work on a day-to-day basis to provide care in these settings. We hope that this program will foster collaboration between participants and provide the capacity to develop context-relevant questions for further research and interventions.

The program will take place in **May 2024** (specific dates and program will be shared) for 3 weeks and aims to enroll 20 participants (10 from HICs) working on or interested in surgery, anesthesia, obstetrics, or allied sciences to address surgical care.

### It will involve:

1. **Induction at the COSECSA Secretariat** and identification of priority areas/Attachment objectives
2. **Attachment at COSECSA Accredited Hospital** and related settings based on interest
3. **Reporting writing week** to present field reports

Through this funding support from the Intuitive Foundation, 6 successful COSECSA applicants will be fully funded. COSECSA will also support workshops and facilitate local arrangements. Participants from other colleges or HICs will be responsible for covering their travel expenses to the training/attachment site as well as their accommodation costs.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- I. Be a trainee enrolled in the COSECSA Fellowship/Membership Program.
- II. Be a COSECSA Fellow in good standing.
- III. Interests in global surgery patient outcomes, surgical education, surgical simulation and technology, surgical systems.
- IV. For HIC applicants, be affiliated with a training institution or hospital.
- V. Young women researchers are encouraged to apply.

### Application Process:

To apply, please submit the following documents:

1. **Cover letter** – expressing your interest in participating in the program
2. An up-to-date **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
3. **Motivation letter**: Explaining why you want to participate in this program
4. **Recommendation letter** from COSECSA Program Director
5. **OR: Letter of Support** from your respective institution (for non-COSECSA/HIC applicants) with contact details

To apply, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/C643BTs3MqvgFBH38>

DEADLINE **29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

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