



COSECSA

College of Surgeons of
East, Central and Southern Africa

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Call for Application

COSECSA Global Surgery Attachment Program

Globally, over 5 billion people lack access to safe, affordable and timely surgical care with the majority being 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 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 the 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.

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

It will involve:

1. **Inception 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 at the Secretariat** to develop and present field reports

Participants from other colleges or HICs will be required to incur the cost of their travel to the training site and accommodation. Through the funding support from the Intuitive Foundation, COSECSA will support the workshops, facilitate local arrangements and fully fund the participation of successful applicants from COSECSA. We hope that this program will foster collaboration between participants and provide the capacity to develop context-relevant questions for further research and interventions.

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 applicants) with contact details

To apply, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/C643BTs3MqvqFBH38>

For any question, please write to Dr. Godfrey Sama Philipo (COSECSA Research and Patient Outcomes Coordinator) at: rpo.coordinator@cosecsa.org cc: education_asst@cosecsa.org.

Deadline **29th February 2024**

Only successful candidates will be contacted.