



COSECSA

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Call for Applications

COSECSA Global Surgery Research Mentorship Program

Globally, over 5 billion people lack access to safe, affordable and timely surgical care with the majority being in sub-Saharan Africa. The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) has trained more than 700 surgeons with a Fellowship qualification. These Fellows have become part of the specialist surgical workforce in the region. However, there is a paucity of global surgery research originating from the region, with most of the research being from and done by colleagues from HICs.

Through funding support from the Intuitive Foundation, COSECSA is inviting trainees and fellows to apply and be part of the Global Surgery Research Mentorship Program. In addition to research mentorship, successful applicants will be offered a Small Research Grant of up to US\$ 5,000 to support the implementation of their projects. They will also have an opportunity to participate in a Research Course that will be organized during the COSECSA conference in Ethiopia (in-person or online). Topics that will be given priority are on Patient Outcomes, Surgical Systems Improvement, Surgical Simulation and Technology, and Surgical Training.

The overarching aim of this program is to support COSECSA fellows and trainees and prepare them to be future global surgery researchers and surgeon scientists to contribute towards the generation of scientific evidence of importance in practice and policy in the region and beyond. The program will also prepare them to undertake more structured research programs for example PhD.

Eligibility Criteria

- I. Be a surgeon enrolled in the COSECSA Fellowship/Membership Program
- II. Be a COSECSA Fellow in good standing
- III. Interests in global surgery research on topics mentioned above
- IV. Willing to participate in a series of research and mentorship training and meetings in person and online
- V. Women young researchers are encouraged to apply

The 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. A **research concept note** of your proposed topic and mentorship plan.
4. Two (2) **recommendation letters**, one MUST be from the Program Director in your respective training institution
5. **Motivation letter**: Explaining why you need this program and what impact are you foreseeing.

Priority will be given to those who provide proof of completion of the Research Methodology Course offered by COSECSA as a CPD program or through the COSECSA Online Platform (www.schoolforsurgeons.net).

Application Details

Please submit your application through the link: <https://forms.gle/C643BTs3MqvgFBH38>

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: **31st October 2023**, late applications will not be considered. **Only shortlisted Applicants will be contacted.**