



COSECSA

College of Surgeons of
East, Central and Southern Africa

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

COSECSA GLOBAL SURGERY RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Over 90% of people who lack access to timely, safe, and affordable surgical care live in low- and middle-income countries, including sub-Saharan Africa. The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) is a regional professional training body working to address this inequity through specialist training and research. Since its establishment, COSECSA has trained more than 1,000 surgeons significantly contributing to the specialist surgical workforce across the East, Central, and Southern Africa region. Despite this progress, global surgery research output remains limited, with much of the evidence informing policy and practice generated outside the region. Addressing this imbalance is essential to ensure that surgical care solutions are contextually relevant, equitable, and sustainable.

With support from the Intuitive Foundation, COSECSA has developed a Global Surgery Research Mentorship Program for which interested trainees and fellows may apply. The program aims to equip COSECSA trainees and fellows with the skills and competencies to become future global surgery researchers and surgeon scientists. Participants will contribute to generating high-quality, locally led scientific evidence to inform clinical practice and policy at national, regional, and global levels, while also being prepared for more advanced and structured research pathways, including PhD training.

Successful applicants will:

- Receive an opportunity to participate in an in-person, CPD-accredited Research Methodology Course
- Be eligible to apply for up to USD 5,000 to support the implementation of their research projects

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a) Be enrolled in a COSECSA training program at MCS or FCS level
- b) Be a COSECSA Fellow with all annual membership dues fully paid at the time of application
- c) Demonstrate an Interest in global surgery research
- d) Be willing to participate in a series of research training and mentorship activities through meetings, in person, and online
- e) Female young researchers are encouraged to apply

TO APPLY, PLEASE SUBMIT:

1. A letter explaining why you are applying for this program
2. An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV)
3. A research concept note (maximum 4 pages) describing your proposed topic
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the Program Director at your respective training institution

APPLICATION DETAILS

Applications **MUST** be submitted online using the link: <https://forms.gle/yQn3cHShC3utT26R7>

DEADLINE: 24th March 2026

For any question, please contact Dr. Godfrey Sama Philipo at: rpo.coordinator@cosecsa.org