



COSECSA

College of Surgeons of
East, Central and Southern Africa



COSECSA – SMILE TRAIN SCHOLARSHIP

3-year FCS Training Programme for COSECSA Trainees



The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) in partnership with Smile Train are providing scholarships in Plastic Surgery with increased opportunities in cleft and reconstructive surgery training.

OBJECTIVE --- *To increase surgical capacity for cleft lip and palate surgery.*

■ ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

COSECSA and Smile Train aim to increase the surgical capacity within the region by providing **four (4) scholarships** for plastic surgery training. In this regard, we are inviting applications for a 3-year FCS training programme at a COSECSA accredited facility. This scholarship is open to all trainees that have completed their MCS level training at a COSECSA accredited facility. Those sitting their MCS examinations in November 2024 are also eligible subject to passing their examination. Please see the application process below.

■ APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must meet all the following requirements in their application to be considered:

- ✓ Submit MCS Certificate or Pass result of Part I Examination
- ✓ Submit Programme Entry Number (PEN) Wishing to study Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.
- ✓ Applicants should include a personal statement indicating future goals, an up-to-date current CV, a letter of support from the surgical training Programme Director of the hospital in which the candidate is currently employed.
- ✓ The applicant must submit an acceptance letter from a COSECSA accredited Plastic Surgery training facility.
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure a training post, and if required a work permit if training away from their home country.
- ✓ Complete applications should be sent to the COSECSA scholarship committee by filling the form [HERE](#)

Application Deadline: 30th December, 2024

*Successful Applicants will be notified in **January 2025**.*

Applications that do not meet the above criteria will not be considered

■ COSECSA ACCREDITED PLASTIC SURGERY TRAINING SITES

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

■ FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Award is administered through COSECSA to cover expenses towards:

- ✓ FCS programme entry fee.
- ✓ Travel for short annual courses x 3 years.
- ✓ Examination fees including cost of travel to the examination venue (ticket and 4 nights' accommodation).
- ✓ Graduation fees and hire of graduation gown.
- ✓ \$12,000 annual living stipend for each trainee.

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