



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. The majority of these being in sub-Saharan Africa. The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) has trained more than 1,000 surgeons with a Fellowship qualification. These Fellows have become part of the specialist surgical workforce in the region. However, there is a paucity of regional global surgery research., and most of this research is being done by colleagues from HICs.

Through funding support from the Intuitive Foundation, COSECSA is inviting trainees and fellows to apply to, 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. Topics on Patient Outcomes, Surgical Systems Improvement, Surgical Simulation and Technology, and Surgical Training will be prioritized.

The overarching aim of this program is to prepare COSECSA fellows and trainees to be future global surgery researchers. As surgeon scientists, they can then contribute to the generation of scientific evidence of importance to practice and policy. The program may contribute to the future undertaking of more structured research and possibly PhD programs.

Eligibility Criteria

- I. Be enrolled and registered in a COSECSA Fellowship Training Program OR Be a COSECSA Fellow in good standing
- II. Have an Interest in global surgery research especially in the topics listed above
- III. Be willing to participate in a series of research and mentorships trainings in person and online
- IV. Women young researchers are encouraged to apply
- V. Have completed the Research Methodology Course offered by COSECSA online or in-person

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.

APPLICATION DETAILS

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

For any question, please write to: rpo.coordinator@cosecsa.org cc:
education_asst@cosecsa.org.

Deadline: **14th March 2025** . **Only shortlisted Applicants will be contacted.**