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RCSI/COSECSA COLLABORATION PROGRAMME

Call for applications

Global Surgery Research 2025

Globally, over 5 billion people are estimated to lack access to safe, affordable and timely surgical care. The majority being in sub-Saharan Africa. The College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) has trained and graduated more than 1,000 surgeons. These Fellows of COSECSA now comprise a large proportion of the specialist surgical workforce in the region with a resultant significant impact on clinical services. However, there is still a paucity of global surgery research originating from the region itself. This research support and mentorship programme is intended to address this dearth of surgical research from our region.

Aim of the call

Under the RCSI/COSECSA Collaboration Programme (CP) funding, COSECSA is able to fund a number of small research projects. Successful candidates will receive a grant of up to \$3,000 to implement their proposed research. They will also join the Global Surgery Research Group and receive mentorship from COSECSA and its research partners.

We are inviting trainees and/or Fellows of the College to submit an expression of interest for this research grant call.

Priority may be given to projects that target the use of existing, systematically collected data: both patient data from surgical audits or patient registries and training data such as is found in the COSECSA training eLogbook.

Benefits:

This program aims to prepare fellows and trainees to become future global surgery researchers and surgeon scientists who will contribute to evidence generation and dissemination.



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Eligibility Criteria

- i. Fellow of the College in good standing
- ii. Trainee enrolled in a COSECSA Membership or Fellowship Program
- iii. Interest in global surgery and surgical training and surgical patient care research.
- iv. Willing to participate in a series of research and mentorship trainings

The Application Process

In order to apply, please do submit the following documents:

1. **Cover/Motivation letter** – expressing your interest in participating in this program and outlining the possible impact of your research
2. An up-to-date **Curriculum Vitae (CV)**. If the research team is having more than one applicant, please include CVs of each member of the team
3. A **research concept note** of your proposed research topic
4. A **recommendation letter**, preferably from your Program Director or your proposed research supervisor (if you have one)

Application Deadline: 4th April 2025, late applications will not be considered.

Please send your application to RCSI/COSECSA Research and Patient Outcomes Coordinator at: rpo.coordinator@cosecsa.org