

Invitation for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Studies in Trauma & Musculoskeletal Impairment (TMSI) in the COSECSA region

Expressions of Interest are invited from **trainees** from the College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) for research studies into **trauma and musculoskeletal impairment** in one or more of the COSECSA countries (Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Tanzania).

Grants available:	Five \$1000 USD grants
Project duration:	up to 12 months (to start as soon as possible after approval of full proposal)
Application details:	Please send the following to cool@ndorms.ox.ac.uk : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your Expression of Interest in Microsoft Word format. (Minimum font size: 11. Word limit: 500.) 2. A CV (one A4 side).
Deadline:	31 January 2014

Stage 1: Expressions of Interest are reviewed by the COOL Research Committee

Stage 2: Successful applicants will then be invited to submit a full proposal for approval (February 2014)

Each proposal will be assessed on the following criteria:

- a) Goal of the study
- b) Background to investigation
- c) Plan of investigation
- d) Facilities and resources
- e) Research impact
- f) Scientific structure of the research proposal
- g) Relevance to trauma and musculoskeletal impairment in one or more of the COSECSA countries
- h) Research risk and originality
- i) Requested budget and resources
- j) Time frame
- k) Should the project be funded by the COOL programme?

Stage 3: Review and approval process of full proposals (March 2014)

The COOL Research Committee will review full proposals and subject to the terms and conditions of the standard academic agreement. It is our policy to ensure that projects start immediately. If an approved project fails to start within four months, the COOL Research Committee reserves the right to cancel the funding.