

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 : 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 <u>standard academic agreement</u>. 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.