



## **SUPPORTING THE TRAINING OF AFRICAN NEUROSURGEONS**

### **NED-COSECESA FELLOWSHIP (2022)**

The VIU-NED Chair in Global Neuroscience and Social Change has created several Fellowships for the training of African health care professionals. This Fellowship aims to support the training of two COSECESA resident doctors through rotational stays in reference hospitals. These stays will aim to develop their clinical, surgical and research skills as neurosurgeons. This initiative offers a complementary training programme for COSECESA neurosurgery residents, and it is based on the training objectives and requirements for the COSECESA examination.

#### **Duration and program**

The Fellowship has a total duration of three months. The programme is designed to use the facilities and staff of the Mnazi Mmoja NED Institute (MNNI), the Hospital Universitario de la Ribera (HUR) in Alzira (Spain) and the University of Alicante (Spain) to assist residents in their learning of clinical neurosurgery.

The rotation star will be distributed as follows:

- One and a half month stay in the neuroanatomy laboratory (Neuroanatomy Laboratory at HUR) and in the Neurosurgery Unit at HUR with the aim of learning basic principles of microsurgery in brain and spine lesions;
- One and a half month stay at the Neuroanatomy Laboratory of the University of Alicante (Spain) with the aim of expanding and consolidating knowledge of neurosurgical anatomy.

The sequence of rotations is somewhat flexible and will be adapted to the needs of the Fellow, in particular regarding the timing of electives and community neurosurgery rotations.

#### **Funding**

The Fellowship will be financed by the Neurosurgery, Education and Development (NED) Foundation. The grant will cover the travel and accommodation of the Fellow during the three-month rotations.

## **Tutoring and supervision**

The Fellow will work under the direction and supervision of Dr. José Piquer Belloch, Founder and President of the NED Foundation, Co-Director of the VIU-NED Chair in Global Neuroscience and Social Change, Coordinator of COSECSA Neurosurgery at the Mnazi Mmoja NED Institute and Chair of the Neurosurgery Service at the Hospital Universitario de la Ribera.

## **Obligations**

Your status as a NED Fellow carries certain obligations, such as:

- Submitting an evaluation report no later than six months after completion of fellowship;
- Ensuring visibility and recognition of received NED support and funding in communications, publications and applications<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> For all communication relating to the fellowship and associated projects, including publications and presentations, you are requested to ensure the visibility of the NED emblem, and to acknowledge NED's funding and support, including the following text: "This project has received funding from the NED foundation through the NED-COSECSA FELLOWSHIP"