

Reason why you are applying for this fellowship (200 words maximum).

My interest in Oncoplastic and Reconstructive breast surgery was inspired by my experience during my undergraduate training, seeing breast cancer patients decline life-saving mastectomy due to fear of losing their breasts. This made me enthusiastic about increasing awareness, accessibility and affordability of Oncoplastic and Reconstructive breast surgery in Nigeria. However, awareness of and uptake of these surgeries still remains low in Nigeria. This has affected the volume of Oncoplastic and Reconstructive breast surgery cases done in my institution and has limited my surgical experience in this area even though my institution has facilities for breast reconstruction including microvascular surgery.

I wish to visit the United Kingdom because the UK's NHS is a universally inclusive healthcare system emphasizing affordability and accessibility, which is the model Nigerian healthcare system aims for with the introduction of the NHIS. I wish to spend time in *** Hospital because it is a leading UK specialist centre for breast care with high volume breast cancer surgeries. My visit will expose me to large number of breast cancer surgeries, which will enrich my surgical experience, fine tune my surgical and research skills as well as grant me access to mentorship in this area of interest.

If you are awarded the fellowship, please describe the impact it would have in your country (200 words maximum).

Exposure to high volume of Oncoplastic and Reconstructive breast surgery cases during the fellowship will improve my surgical proficiency especially in the area of microvascular breast surgery. In addition, this observership in the UK will offer me the opportunity to understudy the role the UK's NHS structure plays in the accessibility and affordability of Oncoplastic and Reconstructive breast surgery with a view to implementing the strategies in my home country.

The experience gained if I am awarded the fellowship will be of benefit to breast cancer patients in my institution through improved quality of reconstructive surgical care especially in the area of microvascular surgery; my colleagues, through step down training and sharing of the experience acquired; and breast cancer patients in Nigeria as a whole through contribution to positive policy changes in the area of Oncoplastic and Reconstructive breast surgery.

My UK experiences will be shared through departmental presentations and trainings, researches and journal publications as well as stakeholders' engagement and development of policy documents on the improvement of awareness and accessibility of Oncoplastic and Reconstructive breast surgery in Nigeria.