

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

**Please include:**

- **Why do you wish to visit the UK?**
- **Why do you wish to spend time in your chosen hospital?**
- **What do you expect to gain from your visit?**

One of my passions involves seeking newer, better and easier ways of doing things without compromising outcome. My main reason for applying for this fellowship is to get exposed to advancements in plastic surgical care and adapt this to my clime where these are often not readily available.

The United Kingdom has a rich cultural diversity that complements its early cultural heritage making it a beacon of attraction. In addition, the UK is a hub of academic excellence and at the forefront of research and advancements in healthcare making it an excellent locus for education.

I chose the \*\*\*\*\* Hospital based on a recommendation from a colleague who now works in the UK. I had told him about the fellowship program and shared my areas of interest with him.

I hope to see current global practices, management algorithms and more importantly, fantastic operative approach to reconstructive needs. I hope to network too and foster mutual collaborations in research and patient care.

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

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- How would it effect on your surgical service?
- Who, apart from yourself, would benefit if you are awarded the fellowship?
- How will you share your UK experiences when you return to your country?

I work in the only state-owned tertiary hospital which caters to patients from Ilorin city and its environs. The gains from this fellowship will transform the outcome of care these patients receive. Details of this experience will be shared at the regular surgery meetings of my institution and the hospital grand round. I intend to generate implementable protocols that can be translated nationally following collaborations with my ever-eager colleagues on the national plastic surgery forum.

Coincidentally, I am currently working on advocacy to increase public awareness of plastic surgical services in Ilorin. The best advert is a satisfied customer, evidenced by the renewed hope ignited in an 18-year-old who had a successful immediate breast reconstruction and free nipple graft, and the hospital community who are the chief emissaries.

Furthermore, we recently observed fewer residents choosing to specialize in plastic surgery due to the apparent lackluster in outcomes. I was able to recruit some by executing fantastic procedures for cases that otherwise may have been managed conservatively with sub—optimal outcomes. This fellowship will augment this.

Personally, I strongly anticipate this exposure will spur me on, reveal how I can improve my service delivery and stimulate local and international research collaborations.