**Lifebox Safe Surgery and Anesthesia Fellows Program, 2020**

Founded in 2011, Lifebox is a global non-profit organization improving the safety of high-quality surgery for people around the world. Working directly with surgical teams in low-resource settings in over 100 countries, Lifebox provides the basic tools and training needed to make every surgical procedure safer.

In 2019, Lifebox is launching a new program - **The Lifebox Safe Surgery and Anesthesia Fellows Program** - for exceptional individuals currently in training or residency programs in anesthesia and surgery (including any surgical specialty), to develop and deliver research and quality improvement initiatives to enhance the safety of surgery and anesthesia in low and middle income countries (LMICs). Fellows will be based in an LMIC for a period of one to two years and will work in close collaboration with hospitals, clinicians, governmental bodies, and other stakeholders.

**The objectives of the Fellows Program are to:**

1) Contribute to measurable improvement in the safety of surgery and anesthesia in a low-resource setting;

2) Work with local clinicians, health ministries, fellow residents and trainees, and multi-disciplinary teams to develop and implement locally-initiated, adapted, and effective surgical quality improvement initiatives;

3) Undertake rigorous original research to drive and advocate for safer surgery and anesthesia locally and globally;

4) Develop skills and expertise as future leaders in the implementation of quality improvement programs in surgery and anesthesia.

**The Fellowship offers:**

- An opportunity to build skills and experience in quality improvement, training, human-centered design, operations management, and research in surgery and anesthesia, particularly as they pertain to challenges in LMICs, by working directly with local clinicians in an LMIC setting;

- Strong academic mentorship from surgical and anesthesia leaders -- a Lifebox trustee or closely affiliated faculty member -- in patient safety, quality improvement, and health systems strengthening;
● Time to pursue research in perioperative improvement in line with the Fellow’s own research interests;
● The opportunity to generate impactful, publishable academic work that will improve how surgical and anesthetic care is delivered;
● Exposure to program development, delivery, and implementation, aspects of international development work, impact of device distribution, human-centered design, training and education pedagogy and delivery, and the workings of a global nonprofit;
● Access and opportunity to collaborate with a robust international network of top-quality clinicians, research institutes, and other stakeholders engaged in ongoing programmatic work.

**Number of Fellowships available:** Lifebox will choose up to 3 Fellows to start in July 2020.

**Locations:** Ethiopia, India, and other potential locations to be determined.

**Eligibility and requirements:** The Lifebox Safe Surgery Fellows program is open to current trainees or residents from anesthesia and all surgical subspecialties. There are no nationality requirements, although Fellows must be eligible to obtain a visa for their country of placement.

Applicants must demonstrate:
- Significant interest in and commitment to global surgery and anesthesia;
- Previous international research, volunteer or work experience;
- Flexibility and adaptability;
- Ability to communicate in spoken and written English with a high degree of fluency; additional language skills desirable, but not essential;
- Strong communication skills, ideally with experience of teaching/coaching/training;
- Departmental commitment and support from their home training program.

**Start date:** Fellows must be available from July 2020

**Duration:** Minimum one year, preferably two years

**Funding:** Please note that this is an unfunded Fellowship; therefore we encourage applicants to seek their own funding and state the source of this in their application. A US$5,000 honorarium will be provided annually and basic travel costs to/from the country of placement will be covered.
Application process: Please submit a CV and one-page personal statement to opportunities@lifebox.org, outlining your motivation, interest, and experience in global surgery to date, and why you believe your profile meets the requirements for this Fellowship. Please also note any funding applied for or already secured.

Please include letters of support from your Program Director or Chair that also indicate funding support.

Applications are received on a rolling basis.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview which may be face-to-face or via video conference.