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Fritz Institute Announces Thirty Full-Tuition Scholarships for the Humanitarian Logistics Certification Courses: "Certification in Humanitarian Logistics" (CHL/CLH – English and French), and "Certification in Humanitarian Medical Logistics Practices" (MedLog).

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Fritz Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving disaster preparedness, response and relief around the world, today announced the availability of full-tuition scholarships for the Fritz Institute/CILT (UK) Certification in Humanitarian Logistics (CHL in English, CLH in French) and the Certification in Humanitarian Medical Logistic Practices (CHMLP or "MedLog"). In all, thirty (30) scholarships will be offered, ten (10) for each of the three courses. The cost of tuition for CHL/CLH is £1145 and £690 for MedLog.

The three courses, CHL, CLH and MedLog, were developed by Fritz Institute along with its humanitarian partners ICRC, IFRC, IRC, MSF-Switzerland, MSF-Holland, Oxfam-GB, Save the Children-US, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO, with funding from DFID, ECHO and USAID, Fritz Institute, and the Institute's private donors. The courses teach the base principles of humanitarian and medical logistics and skills required of competent field logisticians, as defined by the humanitarian partners. Graduates' competence is certified by CILT (UK) upon completion of the courses.

Since its launch in 2006, over a thousand students have enrolled on the courses, coming from over 200 agencies across the humanitarian sector. Graduates report increased understanding, confidence and improved skills on the job gained as a result of taking the courses, as well as increased employment opportunities and promotions coming about from their Fritz Institute/CILT (UK) certification. Effectiveness of the courses continues to be validated by supporting organizations such as ICRC, who has recently made completion of MedLog and either CHL or CLH a requirement to be considered for promotion to Logistics Coordinator.

The scholarships are offered to qualifying individuals who will not receive funding from their organizations for their professional development. Applicants must have at least one (1) year of experience in a logistics or medical function with a humanitarian organization to be considered and will be required to provide evidence of their ability to successfully complete the course and apply the skills in a humanitarian setting. Female logisticians and medical professionals in the humanitarian field are especially encouraged to apply.

The full details of the Scholarship Program, including the application process and forms, are available on the Fritz Institute website ([www.fritzinstitute.org](http://www.fritzinstitute.org)). Applications must be submitted by email no later than midnight GMT, 15 October, 2011 to [info@fritzinstitute.org](mailto:info@fritzinstitute.org). Fritz Institute will evaluate all applications received by the deadline. Recipients of the scholarships will be notified of the award the week of 19 December, 2011.

The Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program is offered in partnership with CILT (UK) and the Logistics Learning Alliance. More information about the Fritz Institute, the Humanitarian Logistics Certification Program and the 2011 Scholarship Program, is available on the Fritz Institute website ([www.fritzinstitute.org](http://www.fritzinstitute.org)).

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