



Call for applications 2010

"Zaragoza Logistics Center/MSF Joint Scholarship"

Zaragoza Logistics Center (ZLC) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) are awarding one full tuition scholarship for a qualified applicant with a background or experience in interacting with public health and/or humanitarian and development aid agencies in addition to an interest in pursuing a career in humanitarian logistics to undertake the MIT-Zaragoza Master of Engineering in Logistics & Supply Chain Management (ZLOG) program in the academic year 2010-2011.

The scholarship holder must make a contractual commitment to work for Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) for a period of at least two years upon graduation of the ZLOG Program.

Through this scholarship, the Foundation hopes to attract outstanding future leaders who can make a vital contribution to filling the capacity gap in humanitarian aid organizations for well-trained supply chain and logistics professionals dedicated to the field of health and humanitarian logistics.

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international, independent, medical humanitarian aid organization that delivers emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, healthcare exclusion and natural or man-made disasters in more than 70 countries. MSF has been setting up emergency medical aid missions around the world since 1971. In countries where health structures are insufficient or even non-existent, MSF collaborates with authorities such as the Ministry of Health to provide assistance. MSF works in rehabilitation of hospitals and dispensaries, vaccination programs and water and sanitation projects and it also works in remote health care centers, slum areas and provides training of local personnel. All this is done with the objective of rebuilding health structures to acceptable levels. Finally, in carrying out humanitarian assistance, MSF seeks also to raise awareness of crisis situations.

For more information: www.msf.org

Zaragoza Logistics Center (ZLC) partnered in 2003 with the Center for Transportation and Logistics (CTL) at MIT to form the MIT-Zaragoza International Logistics Program which is a unique research and education partnership that brings together the supply chain interests of academia, industry and government – all linked to the development of the largest logistics park in Europe, PLAZA. Through this education program, ZLC offers a master's degree modeled on the MIT's Master of Engineering in Logistics (MLOG) and that offers the unique combination of a world-class supply chain degree taught in a truly global setting; the Master of Engineering in Logistics & Supply Chain Management (ZLOG) program. Also, ZLC has a research group that focuses on global health and humanitarian logistics issues and this research group has had multiple joint project collaborations with MSF.

For more information: <http://www.zlc.edu.es/default.aspx?info=000136>

Coverage

The scholarship covers full tuition for the MIT-Zaragoza Master of Engineering in Logistics & Supply Chain Management (ZLOG) program, which amounts to €21,500 to a student of the academic year 2010-2011.



The scholarship will not include other costs such as living or travel expenses to Zaragoza or to Boston for the international exchange.

Eligibility

Scholarships are awarded only to students who have been admitted to the MIT-Zaragoza Master of Engineering in Logistics & Supply Chain Management (ZLOG) program through the Foundation's regular admissions procedure.

The applicants should display exceptional academic achievement and distinctive personal accomplishment in addition to an interest in pursuing a career in humanitarian logistics. To be eligible you must comply with the following criteria:

- Granted admission to the MIT-Zaragoza Master of Engineering in Logistics & Supply Chain Management (ZLOG) program.
- Fluency in English, minimum TOEFL score of 105 points in the Internet based test. The ability to also speak French is a plus.
- Completion of a four year undergraduate program equivalent to a Bachelor's Degree.
- Professional excellence with a background or experience in developing countries, interaction with or working for public health or humanitarian and development aid agencies.

Application Process and Documents

Candidates must fulfil all of the above-mentioned requirements and submit one original copy of the following documents to the ZLC Financial Aid Office:

1. Application form

Each scholarship applicant will fill out the [scholarship application form](#) including the following: an essay stating their interests, qualifications, and related experience in the area and a statement describing their reasons for applying for the ZLOG Program.

2. Copy of passport

3. Admissions letter

Copy of the admissions letter to the MIT-Zaragoza Master of Engineering in Logistics & Supply Chain Management (ZLOG) program.

The [resume](#), [academic records](#) and [reference letters](#) that the applicant has sent to the ZLC Admissions Office will also be considered as application material for this scholarship. The applicant should not include new copies in the scholarship application.

All interested applicants should apply directly through the ZLC Financial Aid Office by sending one copy of the abovementioned documents by e-mail: financiaid@zlc.edu.es. The application form should be signed and scanned before sending it.

Deadline

The deadline for application is **April 15th 2010**. Early application is however encouraged. All supporting documentation to the application must be postmarked by the respective date listed above.



Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

Selection criteria and process

Although open to all individuals, preference will be given to applicants who are African nationals. Competition for the ZLOG scholarships is intense and highly competitive. The candidates will be chosen on the basis of:

- Ability to make a significant contribution to the discipline of humanitarian logistics, with a strong aptitude for analysis and a creative approach to defining and solving problems. (30%)
- Experience and interest in working in multicultural teams. (15%)
- Academic merit as according to academic records (15%)
- Preference will be given to candidates with background or experience in developing countries; or in interacting with or working for public health or humanitarian and development aid agencies. (25%)
- Enthusiastic pursuit of self-improvement and a desire to be at the forefront in the creation and discovery of new knowledge. (10%)
- Recognition of the importance of personal integrity and ethical decision making. (5%)

The MSF will identify finalists by May 1st 2010. Phone interviews may be scheduled with all finalists. Applicants will be notified by e-mail of the outcome and the scholarship holder will receive an official award letter by May 7th 2010.

Contact information

For further details on how to apply and what qualifications are required for this scholarship, or for information on other programs of financial assistance which may be available please contact the ZLC Financial Aid Office.

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