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## **UNIVERSITY OF URBINO CARLO BO**

### **University Corridors for Refugees – UNICORE 6.0 (Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Sud Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe 2024- 2026)**

Call for application for **1 study grant for refugee students** registering to second cycle degree programmes at the University of Urbino Carlo Bo, for the Academic Year 2024 - 2025

#### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION:**

**from 1 March at 12 pm (noon, UTC+1), 2024 to 15 April, 2024 at 12 pm (noon, UTC+1)**

#### **ART. 1 Subject, amount and duration**

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 6.0 project (Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Sud Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe 2024 - 2026) is to promote the right to high education for refugees through study corridors from Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Sud Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe to Italy.

The project is jointly promoted by a consortium of partners:

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);
- Caritas Italiana;
- Diaconia Valdese;
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- The Italian Universities specified in the Cooperation Agreement.

Unicore 6.0 call is subject to the renewal of the national Cooperation Agreement.

The benefits are intended for refugees living in Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Sud Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe and admitted in a second cycle degree programme among those better specified in Article 1.1.

UNICORE 6.0 benefits are assigned for A.Y. 2024-25 and A.Y. 2025-26. Maintenance merit requirements and additional renewal conditions are listed in Art. 10.

#### **1.1 List of the Second Cycle Degree programmes participating in the call**

By clicking on the name of the programme students will get access to all the information about.

- [Economia, Management e Finanza / Economics, Management and Finance](#)  
Economics
- [Lingue Moderne e Interculturalità / Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies](#)  
Foreign Languages
- [Politica Società Economia Internazionali / International Politics, Society, and Economics](#)



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Political Science

- [Filosofia dell'Informazione. Teoria e Gestione della Conoscenza / Philosophy of Information. Theory and management of knowledge](#)

Philosophy

Degree programmes are taught in Italian. Selected courses are taught in English. The final exam and study materials for courses taught in Italian can be in a foreign language upon students' request.

At the moment, information on course programmes are referred to 2023-2024 academic year. Updated information for 2024-2025 academic year will be published in June 2024 at the following link:

<https://www.uniurb.it/studiaconnoi/futuri-studenti/corsi-di-studio/lauree-magistrali-biennali>

## ART. 2 Local Partners of the Project

The University of Urbino Carlo Bo will be supported in the project by a network of local partners that will provide integrative benefits.

The list of local partners and benefits will be published on the web page <https://www.uniurb.it/international>. > Regular Students > Calls for applications for International students.

### 2.1 Benefits and supports offered to the winners

The winner will enjoy the following benefits:

- Free tuition fees excluded the Regional Tax (€ 140) and the stamp duty (€ 16) (University of Urbino Carlo Bo);
- Free Italian language course at the University Language Centre (CLA) (University of Urbino Carlo Bo);
- Psychological support (University of Urbino Carlo Bo);
- Guidance and tutoring for studies and administration (University of Urbino Carlo Bo).

The scholarship will be provided by the Regional Body for the Right to Education (ERDIS), according to a call issued every year. The scholarship includes a set of free provisions (canteen, student accommodation) and a cash amount according to the student's income and properties. The winner will also be exempted from Regional taxes and stamp duties. For information: <https://erdis.it/foreign-students-area/>.

### 2.2 Further Benefits

A detailed list of further benefits offered to the winner will be published at the following link <https://www.uniurb.it/international>. > Regular Students > Calls for applications for International students.



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### **ART. 3 Incompatibility**

The UNICORE 6.0 study grant cannot be combined with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by the University of Urbino Carlo Bo for the support of international students;
- study grants issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI grants for beneficiaries of international protection;
- study grants for international students issued by foreign governmental bodies or institutions, on the basis of agreements with the University of Urbino Carlo Bo.

### **ART. 4 Admission requirements**

Application is open exclusively to candidates who meet the following requirements:

- Reside in Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Sud Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe and have been recognized the refugee status in collaboration with UNHCR;
- Hold a qualification valid for the admission to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme. The qualification must have been issued by a higher education institution accredited in the higher education system of the country where the qualification was obtained. The qualification must as well consent the access to a second level degree course in the country of issuance;
- Hold a qualification not being obtained before the year 2019 and to be obtained by 15 April, 2024;
- Have a grade average of at least 24/30 – referred to the Italian System. For the conversion of the average to the Italian grading system it will be used the official conversion formula of the Italian Ministry of Education, as for attachment 1 of this call;
- Meet the specific admission requirements of the Second cycle degree programme of interest.

Moreover, candidates need to have never been enrolled in a degree programme at the University of Urbino Carlo Bo or at any of the Partner Universities.

### **ART. 5 Selection criteria**

The student is selected on the basis of merit requirements: Grade Average, adequacy of the academic path compared with the programme of application, curriculum vitae and working experience.

The evaluation will be carried out by a Committee of Experts.

### **ART. 6 Deadlines and modalities of application**

Applications are open from 1 March 2024 at 12 pm (noon, UTC+1) to 15 April 2024 at 12:00 pm (noon, UTC+1).

In order to submit their application, candidates are required to complete the [application form](#) that can be found at



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the UNHCR web site - UNICORE section - and upload the documents listed in the application form.

**NOTE:** the form will be available only during the application period. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Students can apply only for one degree programme.

It is possible to apply for a maximum of two different universities.

## **ART. 7 Selection process and establishment of the ranking**

The selection process is divided into two steps:

- Step 1: evaluation of the documentation
- Step 2: on-line interview

### **7.1 Step 1: Evaluation of the documentation**

The Committee of Experts will evaluate the documentation according to the following criteria:

- Academic background and GPA (score: 0-20);
- Evaluation of CV: education, professional experience, foreign languages and personal skills (score: 0-10);
- Coherence between previous studies and selected Second Cycle Degree programme (score: 0-10).

**In order to be eligible for step 2 candidates must score at least 25/40.**

Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email by 30 April, 2024. The partial ranking will also be published on the website [www.uniurb.it](http://www.uniurb.it) at the page devoted to the scholarship information: <https://www.uniurb.it/international>.

> Regular Students > Calls for applications for International students.

### **7.2 Step 2: On-line Interview: evaluation of the academic competences and knowledge of the English and Italian language**

Candidates admitted to step 2 will be interviewed by the Committee of Expert that will evaluate their technical skills, competence on the subject as well as their proficiency of the English and Italian language.

Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points.

Interviews will take place starting from 6 May, 2024 and will be held on-line. Candidates will be notified by email about the date and time of the interview. The list of the interviews will be as well published in anonymous form on the website <https://www.uniurb.it/international>. > Regular Students > Calls for applications for International students.

During the interview candidates will be asked to show their Refugee Identity Card or the PoR card indicated in their application.

### **7.3 Establishment and approval of the final ranking list**

Candidates ranking is drawn up by the Committee of Experts summing up the results of the two phases. The ranking is organised in decreasing order of points.

For equal points, preference will be given to the younger candidate.



The ranking will be approved by Rectoral Decree.

## **ART. 8 Award and acceptance of the scholarship**

The winner will be notified by email by 3 June, 2024 and the final ranking will be published on the website [www.uniurb.it](http://www.uniurb.it) at the page devoted to the scholarship information: <https://www.uniurb.it/international>. > Regular Students > Calls for applications for International students.

In order to confirm the scholarship the candidate must reply to the University communication by 7 days. Failing to provide feedback by the given deadline will cause the loss of the benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, the student fully accepts without reserve UNICORE 6.0 project support and financial benefits at the conditions established in this call for application.

The winner cannot request services or amounts other than those listed on article 2.1.

With the acceptance the student also confirms under his/her own full responsibility that he/she does not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in article 3 of this call for application.

## **ART. 9 Ranking scroll and assignment of the available seat**

In case the candidate winner of the scholarship officially withdraws by 12 June, 2024, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

In case of a vacant seat by 24 June, 2024, the University of Urbino reserves the right to search for eligible candidates from the ranking of other University partners. The eligible candidates from external rankings must possess the specific requirements for admission to second-cycle courses at the University of Urbino Carlo Bo and will need to pass the oral interview as better specified on art. 7.2. Candidates will be informed about the date and time of the interview with at least 3 days of notice.

The University reserves the right to not assign the scholarship in case none of the candidates evaluated will be considered eligible.

## **ART. 10 Renewal**

### **10.1 Renewal requirements**

In order to renew the scholarship, the student is required to earn at least 50% of the University Credits (CFU) of the first year indicated on the Student Information Booklet of the degree course by 30 September, 2025. In addition, the student is required to acquire the Italian Language certification A1 issued by the University Language Centre (CLA) by passing the related language test by 31 July, 2025.

In order to maintain the scholarship, the student is required to earn 60 university credits by 30 September, 2026. In addition, the student is required to acquire the Italian Language certification B1 issued by the University Language Centre (CLA) by passing the related language test by 31, July 2026.

The student is required to graduate by the last session available for his/her matriculation year, e.g. March - April



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2027.

## **10.2 Additional Renewals**

In extraordinary and duly motivated conditions, in the event the student will not be able to graduate by the March-April 2027 session, he/she will be able to request an additional six months extension of the benefits. The official request will have to be submitted to the Ufficio Relazioni con gli studenti e applicativi carriere by 31 March, 2027, and it will be taken in consideration only if the student has earned at least 80 CFU and has acquired the B2 Italian language certification issued by the University Language Centre (CLA).

The request will be evaluated by a commission that will evaluate the fulfilment of the extraordinary conditions also in the light of the students behaviour and commitment towards the project in the last two years.

## **ART. 11 Italian Language course**

Besides the attendance to the Master's degree course the candidate has been admitted to, he/she will be required to attend the Italian Language Courses organised by the University Language Centre (CLA). The student will be required to obtain the following Italian Language certifications:

- Level A1 – by July 2025
- Level B1 – By July 2026
- Level B2 – By February 2027

Failing to attend the language classes or failing to obtain the Italian language certifications by the deadlines indicated above will prevent the scholarship renewal and the 6 months extension as specified in article 10.

## **ART. 12 Withdrawal**

In case the candidate withdraws from the programme, even for voluntary disappearance, he/she will lose all the benefits of the scholarship.

It will be considered an implicit withdrawal if the student is not available, leaves the halls of residence or stops to attend classes for more than 15 days without providing any justification or communication to the Ufficio Relazioni con gli studenti e applicativi carriere.

## **ART.13 Information notice concerning data processing**



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All personal data contained in the agreement shall be processed in accordance with Regulation (EC) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the EU institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data.

Personal data collected are also processed in compliance with UNHCR Data Protection Policy available at <https://www.refworld.org/docid/55643c1d4.html> and its guidance available at <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5b360f4d4.html>

Candidates will also give consent to publish their refugee ID card number or the ration number card of *PoR* in the list of admitted candidates and the final ranking list both on the website: [www.universitycorridors.unhcr.it](http://www.universitycorridors.unhcr.it) and on: <https://www.uniurb.it/international>. > Regular Students > Calls for applications for International students.

The Student may, on written request, gain access to his/her personal data and correct any information that is inaccurate or incomplete. He/she should address any questions regarding the processing of his/her personal data to the institution. The Student may lodge a complaint against the processing of his/her personal data to the European Data Protection Supervisor with regard to the use of the data by the European Commission.

Please check the information on the processing of personal data at this address:

<https://www.uniurb.it/ateneo/utilita/privacy/informative>

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truth of the information provided without prejudice to the penal sanctions of article 76 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, in the event of fraudulent information being discovered as a result of such verification the applicant will forfeit the right to the study grant.

IL RETTORE  
Prof. Giorgio Calcagnini



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*Il Ministro dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca*

**– Tabella di conversione dei Titoli stranieri**

**Valutazione esami**

I candidati che hanno conseguito esami di laurea in una Università straniera hanno a disposizione sul sito <http://www.universitaly.it/> un sistema di conversione dei voti ottenuti sulla base della seguente formula:

$$\text{Voto} = \frac{V - V_{\min}}{V_{\max} - V_{\min}} * (I_{\max} - I_{\min}) + I_{\min}$$

V= Voto da convertire

V<sub>min</sub>=Voto minimo per la sufficienza nell'Università di provenienza

V<sub>max</sub>= Voto massimo nell'Università di provenienza

I<sub>min</sub>= Voto minimo per la sufficienza nelle Università Italiane (= 18/30)

I<sub>max</sub>= Voto massimo nelle Università Italiane (=30/30)

Per le valutazioni su scala qualitativa si fa riferimento alla seguente scala di conversione:

| Valutazione da convertire | Voto |
|---------------------------|------|
| A                         | 30   |
| B                         | 28   |
| C                         | 26   |
| D                         | 23   |
| E                         | 18   |

**COURTESY TRANSLATION:**

Ministry of Education, University and Research

Attachment 5 – conversion chart for foreign qualifications

Evaluation of exams grades

Candidates who hold a qualification conferred by a foreign University can refer to the conversion system available on the website [www.universitaly.it](http://www.universitaly.it). The conversion system is obtained using the following mathematical formula:

GRADE:  $G - G_{\min} / G_{\max} - G_{\min} * (I_{\max} - I_{\min}) + I_{\min}$

Where:

G: grade to be converted

G<sub>min</sub>: Minimum pass grade in the foreign grading system

G<sub>max</sub>: Maximum grade in the foreign grading system



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Imin: Minimum pass grade for the Italian grading System (18/30)

Imax: Maximum grade in the Italian grading system (30/30)

For qualitative grades the following table is used:

A=30

B=28

C=26

D=23

E=18