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APPLICATION DEADLINES: From April 20th, 2020 to May 20th 2020

ART. 1 - Subject, amount and duration

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 2.0 project is to promote the right to higher education for refugees through study corridors from Ethiopia to Italy.

1.1 National Project Partners
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)
- University of Cagliari (UniCa)
- All the other universities signing the Cooperation Agreement for the project “University Corridors for Refugees - 2.0 (Ethiopia - 2020/2022)".

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection living in Ethiopia and admitted in a programme among those offered at one of the partner universities for the Academic Year (A.Y.) 2020-21.

UNICORE 2.0 benefits are assigned for A.Y. 2020-21 and A.Y. 2021-22. Maintenance merit requirements and additional renewals conditions are listed in Art. 6.

The full list of the programmes available at the University of Cagliari is better specified in Article 13.

1.2 Local Partners of the Project
The University of Cagliari will be supported in the project by different local partners among which Caritas Diocesana of Cagliari.

The support is conditional to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding among the parties, which will better specify the services offered by the partners.

1.3 Benefits and support offered
Eligible candidates will receive full support during all the steps of application, including financial coverage of all the expenses prior to the arrival.

Winners will receive financial coverage for the travel expenses to Italy and full support during their studies.
Among the benefits offered:

- Full coverage of the costs incurred before the arrival in Italy: flight tickets, Visa and preparation of supporting documents (CARITAS)
- € 4,600 per year of study. Payments will be divided in two instalments and subject to the achievement of merit requirements. Winners will be provided with more information upon enrolment.
- Full tuition fee exemption.
- Free accommodation.
- One free meal a day from Monday to Saturday in a students canteen.
- € 3,600 per year of study by Caritas Italiana to cover additional expenses, such as registration to the National Health Service, the residence card application, a personal computer, etc.
- An additional limited budget may be made available from the partners for the coverage of unforeseen and urgent expenses (such as specialist medical checkup or heavy clothes for the winter). Priority of the requests will be discussed with and authorized by the partners.
- Free Italian language courses at the University Centre for Italian teaching to foreigners (CIS).
- Full support from the International Student Office staff.
- Psychological Counseling Service by the University of Cagliari.

The above-mentioned benefits are applicable only to the beneficiaries of the scholarship and cannot be extended to relatives or third parties for any reason. They will not be guaranteed if the partners of the projects will not confirm their contribution.

1.4 Conditional issuing of the call for applications

This call for application is issued conditionally to the signing of the cooperation agreement and its addendum for the project “University Corridors for Refugees 2.0” (Ethiopia –2020-2022) among all the parties listed in art. 1 and of the specific MoU between the University of Cagliari and the local partners.

Moreover, postponement or suspension could occur in consideration of the legal and epidemiological framework of the current health emergency COVID 19. For the same reason the courses could be delivered as online teaching.

ART. 2 – Incompatibility

The UNICORE 2.0 study grants cannot be combined with:

- study grants issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI grants for beneficiaries of international protection;
- study grants issued by foreign governmental bodies or institutions, on the basis of agreements with the University of Cagliari, aimed at assisting the enrolment of international students at the University of Cagliari.
ART. 3 – Admission requirements
Application is exclusively open to candidates who:

1. are residing in Ethiopia and have a recognized status of refugee in collaboration with UNHCR;
2. hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme;
3. have a degree issued by a higher education institution accredited in the Ethiopian higher education system;
4. have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 according to the Ethiopian tertiary education grading system;
5. have obtained their degree not earlier than the year 2015;
6. meet the specific admission requirements of the Second cycle degree programme of interest; for more information about specific requirements see Art. 10 and attachment 2;
7. have never been enrolled before in a degree programme at any of the Partner Universities.

ART. 4 – Selection criteria and application documents
4.1 Selection criteria and evaluation committee
Students are selected on the basis of merit requirements.

For the University of Cagliari, the evaluation will be carried out by a Committee of Experts composed by Professor Alessandra Carucci (Teaching staff in charge of the project), a member of the International Students office, the Professor in charge of the Master Programme concerned - or her/his delegates – and any other teaching staff the Professors will consider appropriate.

4.2 Application documents
Students are required to submit the following documentation:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

1. The application form attached to this call (see Annex 1)
2. A copy of their currently valid Refugee Identity card (or the proof of registration) issued in collaboration with UNHCR;
3. A certificate confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen degree programme
4. Transcripts of exams passed and related marks
5. Any relevant and additional document required by the specific programmes chosen (see Art. 10).

NOT MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

7. Letter/s of references written by supervisor/advisor supporting the application
8. Applicants are warmly recommended to shoot a short video CV (e.g. using mobile phone) in which they introduce themselves and their motivations. Examples on how to create a video CV can be found in Google.com. Candidates can send the video via https://wetransfer.com/ to the email address foreignstudents@unica.it. Applicants will be notified via email of the receipt of the video.
All documents presented by applicants must be in English or Italian. **All documents in any language other than Italian or English must be accompanied by a translation.** In the application phase, the translation can be done by the candidate.

### 4.3 Deadlines and modalities
Applications can be submitted from the day after the publication of this call to May 20th 2020 at 12:00 pm (noon, Italian Official Time, CEST).

To apply for the University of Cagliari, students are required to send all documents to: foreignstudents@unica.it specifying in the object: CALL UNICORE 2.0.

Applications that are not properly filled in or complete with all the required documentation will not be accepted.

For the University of Cagliari, students are allowed to apply to maximum two programmes for which they meet the specific entry requirements. We strongly suggest students to apply for no more than two different Universities.

**Art. 5 - Selection process**
The application process is divided into two steps:

- Step 1: preliminary evaluation of the documentation
- Step 2: interview.

#### 5.1 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: professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-10)
- Personal motivation and coherence between previous studies and selected Second Cycle Degree programme (score: 0-10)

Candidates receiving a score of less than 25 will not be admitted to phase 2 of the selection process.

Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email by May 29th, 2020.

#### 5.2 Step 2 – Online Interview
Candidates admitted to step 2 will be interviewed (online, through Skype or other videoconferencing services) by the Committee of Experts, who will evaluate their motivation, technical skills and competence on the subject chosen as well as their mastering of the English language. Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points.

Interviews will take place starting from 1st June 2020.

Candidates will be notified by email about the date and time of the interview.

Candidates are requested to come to the interview with the Refugee Identity Card (or the proof of registration) used during the on-line application. A third party must be present during the beginning of the interview for the identification of the candidate.
Candidates with disabilities who need assistance during the interview must specify the type of disability they have and the kind of support they need in the application form. In this case, an official disability certificate is also requested.

5.3 – Establishment and approval of the final ranking list
Candidates who score less than 50/80 points will not be included in the final ranking.

Candidate rankings are drawn up by the Committee of Experts summing up the results of the two selection phases and are approved by decree. The rankings are organised in decreasing order of points.

The three available seats cannot be awarded to three candidates of the same gender and the committee will elaborate two different rankings according to the gender of the candidates.

Only in the case that the list of eligible candidates does not include representatives of the two genders, the seats can be awarded to three representatives of the same gender.

In the case of equal points, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

The list of eligible applicants to the University of Cagliari, including the ones not awarded the available seats, will be published by 30th June on https://www.unica.it/unica/en/unica_refugees.page and on https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/. Winners will be also notified by email.

5.4 – Acceptance
In order to confirm the acceptance of the scholarship, candidates must reply to the University accepting the scholarship, by 10 days from the reception of the awarding email. Failing to provide a feedback by the given deadline will cause the loss of the benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, the student fully accepts without reserves UNICORE 2.0 project support and financial benefits at the conditions established in this call for applications. With the acceptance, students also confirm under their own full responsibility that they do not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in article 2 of this call for applications.

Candidates will receive, from the International Students office of University of Cagliari, detailed information about the procedure to follow in order to complete the enrolment.

5.5 – Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats
In case a candidate winner of the scholarship officially withdraws by July 15th 2020, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

In case of vacant seats, the University of Cagliari reserves the right of searching for eligible candidates from other rankings issued by the Universities partners in the project. Potential candidates must meet the specific entry requirements of the University of Cagliari programmes.

ART. 6 – Access to the scholarship and renewal requirements
6.1 Access to the scholarship
Winners will receive detailed information on how to access to the benefits by e-mail.
They must comply with applicable provisions and deadlines, including enrolment regulations, established by the Procedures issued by the Italian Ministry of University and Research concerning foreign students’ access to university degree programmes. The benefits can be suspended in case a student stops to attend classes or is not reachable by the University staff and Professors for more than one week without any reasonable explanation.

6.2 Renewal requirements
In order to renew or maintain the scholarship students are required to acquire:
- First year- within the 10th of August 2021: 30 credits (CFU).
- Second year: within the 10th of August 2022: 70 credits (CFU).

6.3 Additional Renewals
Students who do not succeed to complete the Master Programme within November 2022 can request a 6 months extension of the scholarship. The request must be submitted to the International Students Office on condition that they have earned at least 80 university credits by 30th October, 2022.

ART. 7 – Withdrawal
Candidates selected as winners can withdraw by sending an e-mail to foreignstudents@unica.it. They will lose their right to all the benefits listed in Art. 1.3

In case of withdrawals received by July 15th, 2020 the scholarship will be allocated to the following eligible candidate in the ranking.

ART. 8 – Information notice concerning data processing
In compliance with the European data protection policy, personal data collected are processed as described in the “Informativa sul trattamento dati personali ai sensi del Regolamento UE 2016/679” available (in Italian) at: https://www.unica.it/unica/it/utility_privacy.page.

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.

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truthfulness 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.

Art. 9 – List of Second Cycle Degree Programmes taught in English (fully or partially) at the University of Cagliari

Master programmes taught in English
- Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence
- Management, curriculum International Management
Master programmes partially taught in English and Italian

- Environmental and Land Engineering, curriculum Environmental remediation technologies
- Electronic Engineering
- Internet Engineering
- Chemical and Biotechnological Process Engineering
- Economics, Finance and Public Policy
- Sustainable Tourism Management and Monitoring
- International Relations
- Informatics
- Physics

Candidates must autonomously check the entry requirements of the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programmes, as specified in Annex 2.

Art. 10 - Publication of the Call and responsible person for the procedure

The present call will be published on the official University Register, on the website https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/ and at https://www.unica.it/unica/en/unica_refugees.page.

In compliance with the provisions of Law no. 241/1990, art.5, the person in charge of the procedure for the present call is the head of the International students Office Anna Maria Aloi, foreignstudents@unica.it.
ANNEX 1 – APPLICATION FORM
University of Cagliari

UNICORE 2.0 APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS
Name and Surname: ......................................
Date and place of birth: ..................................
Address: .............................................
Mobile phone: ........................................
E-mail: .............................................

PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST (MAX TWO CHOICES):
1. ______________
2. ______________

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR OTHER UNIVERSITIES WITHIN THE PROJECT UNICORE 2.0?
1. ______________
2. ______________
3. ______________

PERSONAL STATEMENT
Summarize in about 5 lines a presentation of your professional profile, future professional goals and motivation.

WORK EXPERIENCE
From.... To....

job role
Company name
Describe responsibility and what you do in this role

From.... To.....:

job role

Company name

Describe responsibility and what you do in this role

EDUCATION

Degree

Date - University, Faculty/Department, Degree course: thesis title and score

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) should be stated in the CV, and GPA documentation must be included in the application (including each semester GPA and cumulative GPA)

High school

Date – name of high school and type of diploma - score

Other educational experiences

From.... To....: School name, town, course title

LANGUAGES

level of language knowledge: M: mother tongue, A: elementary, B: intermediate, C: advanced

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Language certifications:

Please list here any language certification you have. A scanned copy of the certification must be attached to the application.
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COMPUTER SKILLS

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PERSONAL SKILLS

..........  

HOBBIES

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I authorize the processing of personal data contained in my curriculum vitae according to art. 13 of GDPR (EU Regulation 2016/679) and Italian Legislative Decrees 196/2003 and 101/2018 for the sole purpose of personnel research and selection.

I give consent to publish my refugee ID card number or ration number card of my PoR in the final list of candidates admitted to the project on the website https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/.

I hereby declare to accept without reserve all the terms and conditions specified in the UNICORE 2.0 Call for applications for 3 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering to Second cycle degree programmes at the University of Cagliari, for the Academic Year 2020-21.

I also declare to promptly inform the University about any change in the provided data.

Place, Date and Signature

_______________________________________________________________
UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI CAGLIARI
DIREZIONE PER I SERVIZI GENERALI E I SERVIZI AGLI STUDENTI
Dirigente: Simonetta Negrini
Funzionario responsabile del procedimento: Anna Maria Alo

ANNEX 2 - ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR SECOND CYCLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH (FULLY OR PARTIALLY) AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAGLIARI

(ECTS= credits)

**Master programmes taught in English**

- **Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence**
  *Minimum admission requirements*
  - The SUM of credits in MATHS and PHYSICS must be equal to, or greater than, 12
  - The number of credits in COMPUTER SCIENCE OR COMPUTER ENGINEERING must be equal to, or greater than, 18
  - The SUM of credits in COMPUTER SCIENCE OR COMPUTER ENGINEERING and INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY must be equal to, or greater than, 36.

  Students must have a B2 English language certification.
  [https://www.unica.it/unica/en/crs_70_90.page](https://www.unica.it/unica/en/crs_70_90.page)

- **Management, curriculum International Management**

  Applicants must have earned the qualification in Business Administration, Economics, or Management. Alternatively, applicants must have acquired at least:

  - 27 ECTS in Business administration, Finance, Financial Markets and Institutions, Management or Organization Studies scientific sectors;
  - 15 ECTS in Economic Statistics or Statistics, Mathematical methods of Economy, Finance and actuarial sciences or Operational Research (Mathematics) scientific sectors.

  Students must have a B2 English language certification.
  [https://corsi.unica.it/economiamanageriale/international-management/](https://corsi.unica.it/economiamanageriale/international-management/)

**Master programmes partially taught in English and Italian**

- **Environmental and Land Engineering, curriculum Environmental remediation technologies**

  Applicants must have acquired at least:

  - 15 credits in MATHS;
  - 10 credits in PHYSICS;
  - 5 credits in Chemistry and Material Science;
  - 10 credits in Hydraulics, Hydrology and Hydraulic engineering;
  - 5 credits in Geology, Applied Geology, Georesources;
  - 5 credits in Sanitary-Environmental Engineering;
  - 5 credits in Geotechnics and Geophysics;
  - 5 credits in Construction Theory.
Electronic Engineering
In the previous career (B. Sc.) the prospective student must have acquired 30 ECTS in foundational disciplines (Maths, Physics, Computer Science, Chemistry) and 45 ECTS in specific disciplines (Electronics, Circuit Theory, Computer Science, Electromagnetism, Telecommunications, etc.), according to the numbers provided in the following table:

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<td>Foundational</td>
<td>Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specific</td>
<td>Analog and Digital Electronics, Electronic Devices, Circuit Theory, Electromagnetism, Telecommunication, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Signal Processing, Instrumentation</td>
<td>45</td>
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Internet Engineering
In the previous career (B. Sc.) the prospective student should have acquired at least the following amount of ECTS in foundational disciplines and in specific disciplines:
- the number of ECTS in MATHS should be equal to, or greater than, 12;
- the number of ECTS in PHYSICS should be equal to, or greater than, 12;
- the number of ECTS in COMPUTER SCIENCE or COMPUTER ENGINEERING should be equal to, or greater than, 12;
- the number of ECTS in ELECTROMAGNETISM and TELECOMMUNICATIONS should be equal to, or greater than, 18.

Chemical and Biotechnological Process Engineering
In the previous career (Bachelor Degree) the applicant student should have acquired at least 30 ECTS in the formation disciplines and at least 45 ECTS in specific disciplines, according to the numbers provided in the table:

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<td>General and inorganic chemistry or Applied Chemistry</td>
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As a further requirement, a minimum number of ECTS is needed for each of the following disciplines:

- Economics, Finance and Public Policy
  Applicants must have earned the qualification in either Economics, Business Administration, or Management. Alternatively, applicants must have acquired at least:
    - 15 ECTS in Economics and Econometrics scientific sectors;
    - 9 ECTS in Business administration, Finance, Financial Markets and Institutions, Management or Organization Studies scientific sectors; Business Law, Economics Law, European Union Law, Private Law, Navigation and Air Law, Public law or Tax law scientific sectors;
    - 12 ECTS or Statistics, Mathematical methods of Economy, Finance and actuarial sciences or Operational Research (Mathematics) scientific sectors;
    - English language certification level B1.

  https://corsi.unica.it/economiafinanzaepolitichepubbliche/in-english/

- Sustainable Tourism Management and Monitoring
  Admission requirements:
  Bachelor (undergraduate) degree in one of the following: Economy and Management Sciences; Economic Sciences. Bachelor (undergraduate) degree in classes different from the former, provided that an adequate number of credits is earned in the following areas:
    - 12 credits (ECTS) in Corporate Sciences area;
    - 12 ECTS in Economic Sciences area;
    - 9 ECTS in Mathematics and Statistical Sciences area.

  https://corsi.unica.it/managementemonitoraggiodelturismosostenibile/?lang=en
• **International Relations**  
  Curricular Requirements  
  Enrollment without verification of curricular requirements is possible for students with a degree in Political Sciences; Political Sciences and International Relations. For students holding different degrees, enrollment is conditioned to these curricular requirements:

- 12 ECTS in Politics and History Studies scientific sectors;
- 6 ECTS in Sociologic Studies scientific sectors;
- 6 ECTS in Law Studies scientific sectors;
- 6 ECTS in Economic Studies scientific sectors;
- English Language Proficiency of level B1.

[https://people.unica.it/relazioniinternazionali/?lang=en](https://people.unica.it/relazioniinternazionali/?lang=en)

• **Informatics**  
  Admission requirements to the Master of Science in Informatics, expressed in terms of the minimum number of credits:

- at least 18 ECTS in total in Mathematics and Physics;
- at least 96 ECTS in Informatics.

[https://corsi.unica.it/informatica/presentazione-corsi-di-laurea/laurea-magistrale/](https://corsi.unica.it/informatica/presentazione-corsi-di-laurea/laurea-magistrale/)

• **Physics**  
  Minimum admission requirements

- 60 credits in Physics;
- 25 credits in Mathematics

[https://corsi.unica.it/fisica/laurea-magistrale/](https://corsi.unica.it/fisica/laurea-magistrale/)

An evaluation on the fulfilment of the curricular requirements for each specific Master Programme will be done by the selecting Committee.