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APPLICATION DEADLINES: from March 1st to April 1st, 2021

ART. 1 - Subject, amount and duration

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 3.0 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
- Centro Astalli
- 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 - 3.0 (Ethiopia - 2021/2023)”.

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 Academic Year (A.Y.) 2021-21.

UNICORE 3.0 benefits are assigned for A.Y. 2021-22 and A.Y. 2022-23. 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

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 the Memorandum of Understanding among the parties, which will better specify the services offered by the partners.

1.3 Benefits and supports 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 expenses to be faced before the arrival in Italy: flight tickets, Visa and preparation of supporting documents (CARITAS).
- € 4,600 per year of study. Payments will be divided into 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 student 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). The priority of the need will be prior discussed with and authorized by the partners.
- Free Italian language courses by 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.
- Local students will support the winners in the integration in the student life and will assist for any problem met during the studies.

The above mentioned benefits are applicable only to the beneficiaries of the scholarship and cannot be extended for any reason to relatives or third parties. 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 3.0” (Ethiopia –2021-2023) 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 3.0 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 open exclusively to candidates who:

1. are residing in Ethiopia and have been recognized the refugee status in collaboration with UNHCR;
2. hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme;
3. the qualification must have been awarded by a higher education institution accredited in the higher education system of the Country where the degree has been issued;
4. have a grade average of at least 24/30 – referred to the Italian System (corresponding to a Grade Point Average, GPA, of at least 3.0 according to the Ethiopian tertiary education grading system). For the grade conversion to the Italian grading system the official conversion formula of the Italian Ministry of Education will be used (http://attiministeriali.miur.it/media/277372/allegato_5_conversione%20titoli.pdf);
5. the degree must not be obtained before the year 2016;
6. meet the specific admission requirements of the Second cycle degree programme of interest; for more information about specific requirements see Art. 10 and annex 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 Student office, the Professors in charge of the Master Programmes 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:

6. A motivation letter (maximum two A4 pages).



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) where 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.** During the application phase, the translation can be done directly by the candidate.

4.3 Deadlines and modalities

Applications can be submitted from the day after the publication of this call **until April 1st, 2021 at 12:00 pm (UTC+1).**

For University of Cagliari, students are required to send all the documents to: foreignstudents@unica.it specifying in the object: CALL UNICORE 3.0.

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 for maximum two programmes in which they meet the specific entry requirements.

Students can apply to no more than two different Universities, including the University of Cagliari, giving an order of preference.

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: 0-15)
- Evaluation of CV (as in the application form): professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-15)
- 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.

Only the first 10 candidates will be admitted to step 2. For equal points, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email by April 30th 2021.



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. Interviews will be conducted in English; English proficiency will be also assessed during the interview. Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points.

Interviews will take place starting from 10th May.

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 phases and are approved by decree. The rankings are organised in decreasing order of points.

The two available seats cannot be awarded to 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 two representatives of the same gender.

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

The list of eligible applicants for the University of Cagliari, including the ones not selected for the available seats, will be published by 10th 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 scholarship candidates must reply to the University communication accepting the scholarship by 10 days from the reception. Failing to provide a feedback by the given deadline will cause the loss of the benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, the student fully accept without reserve UNICORE 3.0 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 Student 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 will officially withdraw by July 10th, 2021, 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 of 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 the student will stop to attend classes or will not be 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 2022: 30 credits (CFU).
- Second year: within the 10th of August 2023: 70 credits (CFU).

6.3 Additional Renewals

The students who do not succeed to complete the Master Programme within November 2023 can request a 6 months extension of the scholarship. The request must be submitted to the International Student Office at the condition to have earned at least 80 university credits by 30th October, 2023.

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 10th, 2021 UNICORE 3.0 the scholarship will be allocated to the following eligible candidate in the ranking.

ART. 8 – Information notice concerning data processing

In compliance with 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 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.

Art. 9 – List of the Second Cycle Degree Programmes taught in English (fully or partially) available for 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

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 of 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 student Office Anna Maria Aloï, foreignstudents@unica.it.



Università degli Studi di Cagliari

DIREZIONE PER LA DIDATTICA E L'ORIENTAMENTO

Dirigente: Giuseppa Locci

Funzionario responsabile: Anna Maria Aloï

ANNEX 1 – APPLICATION FORM

University of Cagliari

UNICORE 3.0 APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

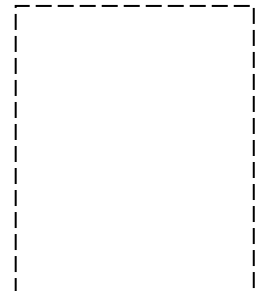
Name and Surname:

Date and place of birth:.....

Address:

Mobile phone:

E-mail:



PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST (MAX TWO CHOICES):

1. _____

2. _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR ANOTHER UNIVERSITY WITHIN THE PROJECT UNICORE 3.0? (please specify if it is your 1st or 2nd choice with respect to the University of Cagliari)

_____ (choice)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

From.... To....

job role

Company name



Describe responsibility and what do you do in this role

From.... To....:

job role

Company name

Describe responsibility and what do 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 should 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

LANGUAGE	WRITTEN LEVEL	SPOKEN LEVEL

Language certifications:

Please list here any language certification you have gained. Scanned copy of the certification must be attached to the application.

COMPUTER SKILLS



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PERSONAL SKILLS

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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 3.0 Call for applications for 2 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering for Second cycle degree programmes at the University of Cagliari, for the Academic Year 2021-22.***

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

Place, Date and Signature



ANNEX 2 - ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 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 the credits in MATH 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 the 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

- **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.

18 ECTS in Business Law, Economics Law, European Union Law, Private Law, Navigation and Air Law, Public law or Tax law scientific sectors.

Students must have a B2 English language certification.

<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 MATH;
- 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.



<https://facolta.unica.it/ingegneriarchitettura/education/masters-degree/environmental-and-land-engineering-masters-degrees/?lang=en>

• Electronic Engineering

In the previous career (B. Sc.) the perspective student should have acquired 30 ECTS in foundational disciplines (Math, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science) and 45 ECTS in specific disciplines (Electronics, Circuit Theory, Computer Science, Electromagnetism, Telecommunications, etc.), according to the numbers provided in the following table:

Discipline type	Disciplines	Minimum ECTS
Foundational	Math, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science	30
Specific	Analog and Digital Electronics, Electronic Devices, Circuit Theory, Electromagnetism, Telecommunication, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Signal Processing, Instrumentation	45
Sum		75

<https://facolta.unica.it/ingegneriarchitettura/education/masters-degree/electronic-engineering-masters-degrees/?lang=en>

• Internet Engineering

In the previous career (B. Sc.) the perspective student should have acquired at least the following amount of ECTS in foundational disciplines and in specific disciplines:

- the number of ECTS in MATH 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.

https://www.unica.it/unica/en/crs_70_91.page

• 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:

Discipline type	Disciplines	Minimum ECTS
Formation	Algebra, Calculus, Computer Science, Probability and Statistics, Physics, General and Inorganic Chemistry	30
Specific	Metallurgy, Organic Chemistry, Applied Physical Chemistry, Transport Phenomena, Chemical Plants, Unit Operations, Industrial Chemistry, Fluid Dynamics, Fluid Hydraulics, Fluid Mechanics, Computer-Aided Design, Applied Mechanics, Automation, Industrial Bioengineering, Electronic Bioengineering, Electrical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic	45



	Measurements, Nuclear Plants, Fluid Machines, Applied Physics, Mechanical Design, Mechanical Industrial Plants, Structural Mechanics, Materials Science, Materials Technology, Electromagnetism, Mechanical Industrial Plants, Ecology, Geology, Geophysics, Economic-Management Engineering, Biochemistry	
Sum		75

As a further requirement, a minimum number of ECTS is needed **for each** of the following disciplines:

Disciplines	Minimum ECTS
Calculus <i>or</i> Numerical Analysis	7
Physics	7
General and inorganic chemistry <i>or</i> Applied Chemistry	6
Transport Phenomena <i>or</i> Industrial Bioengineering <i>or</i> Thermodynamics	6
Computer Science	4

<https://facolta.unica.it/ingegneriarchitettura/education/masters-degree/chemical-and-biotechnological-process-engineering-masters-degrees/?lang=en>

- **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/managementemitoraggiodelturismosostenibile/?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 by meeting 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>

- **Informatics**

Admission to the Master of Science in Informatics is allowed if in possession of the curricular requirements indicated below, 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/>

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