



University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 2.0 (Ethiopia - 2020/2022)

Call for applications for 2 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering to second cycle degree programmes taught in English at the University of Milan, for the Academic Year 2020-21

DEADLINES OF APPLICATION: 20th April 2020 - 20th May 2020

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THE RECTOR

Noted that on 18th October 2019 University of Milan joined the “Manifesto of Inclusive Universities” promoted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);

Noted that the aim of the Manifesto is to promote the right to high education and to encourage integration of holders of International Protection;

Considered that, according to point 3 of the Manifesto, Universities can establish scholarships reserved to students and researchers holder of International Protection;

Considered that, according to point 4 of the Manifesto, in order to promote the legal entry for refugees Universities can assign reserved places to students holder of International Protection in third countries;

Noted that, pursuant to the Manifesto, UNHCR, Caritas Italiana, Diaconia Valdese, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and international Cooperation (MAECI) together with a jointed group of Italian universities, included the University of Milan, promoted the project *University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 2.0 (Ethiopia - 2020/2022)*;

Considered that the aim of the project is project is to promote the right to high education for refugees through study corridors from Ethiopia to Italy;

ANNOUNCES

By Rectoral Decree number 1676/2020 of 15 April 2020 it is approved the following Call of Application " **University Corridors for Refugees 2.0 (Ethiopia - 2020/2022)**" for 2 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering to Second cycle degree programmes taught in English at the University of Milan, for the Academic Year 2020-21.



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 high education for refugees through study corridors from Ethiopia 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 better specified in the Cooperation Agreement (see Art. 9)

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection living in Ethiopia and admitted in a programme among those better specified in Article 13.

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.

1.1 Local Partners of the Project

University of Milan will be supported in the project by two local partners: Caritas Ambrosiana and Diaconia Valdese. The support is conditional to the signing of the cooperation agreement between the parties.

1.2 Benefits and supports offered

Benefits included in the scholarship to all the winners will be the following:

- Full coverage of the expenses to be faced before the arrival in Italy: flight tickets, Visa and preparation of supporting documents (CARITAS)
- € 3,000 per year of study. Payments will be divided in installments and subject to the achievement of merit requirements. Winners will be provided with more information upon enrollment. (UNIVERSITY OF MILAN)
- Free accommodation in one of our student dorms in a shared room from October 2020 (UNIVERSITY OF MILAN)
- Meal card with two free meals a day from Monday to Saturday in our student canteen or affiliated restaurant (UNIVERSITY OF MILAN)
- Enrollment in NHS (CARITAS AMBROSIANA)
- A personal Pc (CARITAS AMBROSIANA)
- Mobile phone, SIM card and subscription (DIACONIA VALDESE)
- Annual Public transportation subscription (DIACONIA VALDESE)



- Weekly visit at the grocery shop (DIACONIA VALDESE)
- Psychological support offered (DIACONIA VALDESE)
- An Italian family will host the student during vacation period and weekends (CARITAS AMBROSIANA)
- An additional limited budget will be made available from both the partners for the coverage of unforeseen and urgent expenses. The priority of the need will be prior discussed with and authorized by the partners.
- Italian Course organized by the language center of the University of Milan, SLAM
- Local students will support the winner in the integration in the student life and will assist for any problem meet during the studies (UNIVERSITY OF MILAN)
- The staff of the International student office will be at the student's disposal for assistance

ART.2 Incompatibility.

The UNICORE 2.0 study grants cannot be combined with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by the University of Milan 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 issued by foreign governmental bodies or institutions, on the basis of agreements with the University of Milan, aimed at assisting the enrolment of international students at the University of Milan;
- Regional scholarship offered by Lombardy region (DSU);

ART.3 Admission requirements.

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

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 degree must be 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. The degree must not be obtained before the year 2015
6. Meet the specific admission requirements of the Second cycle degree program of interest
7. Have never been enrolled before in a degree programs at any of the Partner University

ART.4 Selection criteria and application documents

4.1 Selection criteria and evaluation committee

Students are selected on the basis of merit requirements.

The evaluation will be carried out by a Committee of Experts composed by Professor Alessia Di Pascale (Teaching staff in charge of the project), a member of the International Student office, the Professor in charge of the Master Programmes concerned - or her/his delegates - and any other relevant teaching staff or third party designated by the University of Milan or the relevant Professors Board.

4.2 Application documents

Students are required to submit the following documentation:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

1. The application form attached to this call (see Attachment 1)
2. A copy of their currently valid Refugee Identity card 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 relative marks
5. Any relevant and additional document required by the specific programmes chosen

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:

international.students@unimi.it

In this phase, translation of documents can be done directly by the candidates.

4.3 Deadlines and modalities

Applications are opened from 20th April at 12 pm (noon, UTC+1) to 20th May 2020 at 12:00 pm (noon, UTC+1).

Students are required to send all the documents to: international.students@unimi.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.

Students are allowed to apply for maximum two programmes.

ART.5 Selection process

The selection process is divided into two steps:

- Step 1: evaluation of the documentation
- Step 2: on-line 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)
- 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 step 2 of the selection process.

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

5.2 Step 2 On-line Interview

Candidates admitted to step 2 will be interviewed by the Committee of Expert, who will evaluate their technical skills, competence on the subject 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 and will be held on-line. 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 PoR card used during the on-line application. A third party must be present during the beginning of the interview for the identification of the candidate.

5.3 Establishment and approval of the final ranking list

Candidates who will 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 Rectoral Decree. The ranking is organised in decreasing order of points.

The two available seats are awarded on a gender balance ratio 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.

Winners will be notified by email by 30th June 2020.

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 accepts without reserve 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.

5.5 Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats

In case a candidate winner of the scholarship will officially withdraw 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 Milan reserve the right to search for eligible candidates from ranking of other University partners. Eligible candidates from external rankings must meet specific requirement of the programmes of University of Milan.

ART.6 Renewal requirements

6.1 Renewal requirements

In order to renew the scholarship students are required to earn 30 university credits (CFU) by the 10th of August 2021.

In case the study plan of the first year of the Master in which the student is enrolled will be of less of 60 credits, the minimum credits required for the renewal will be the half of the full amount of credits for the first year as indicated in the official study plan.

In order to maintain the scholarship, students are required to earn 60 university credits by the 10th of August 2022.

Students are required to graduate by the last session available for their matriculation year, e.g. April 2023.

6.2 Additional Renewals

Students who do not succeed to graduate within April 2023 can request a 6 months extension of the scholarship, at the condition to have earned at least 80 university credits by 31 March 2023. Extension request must be submitted to the International Student Office.

ART.7 Withdrawal from the course

Candidates who will withdraw from the program during their studies will lose all the benefits of the scholarship.

ART.8 Information notice concerning data processing

In compliance with European data protection policy, the personal data collected are processed as described in the “*Regolamento di attuazione delle norme in materia di protezione dei dati personali*” available (in Italian) at:

<https://www.unimi.it/it/ateneo/normative/privacy>



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 candidates will also give consent to publish the 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 and on: www.unimi.it

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 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) and to the specific cooperation agreement between University of Milan and the local partners.

ART.10 List of the Second Cycle Degree taught in English participating in the call

By clicking on the name of the program students will get access to all the information about, including study plan and entry requirements.

Economics, Law and Social Sciences

- [Public and corporate communication \(com\)](#) (one curriculum in English)
- [Data science and economics \(dse\)](#)
- [Economics and political science \(eps\)](#)
- [Finance and economics \(mef\)](#)
- [Global politics and society \(gps\)](#)
- [Management of human resources and labour studies \(mls\)](#)
- [Management of innovation and entrepreneurship \(mie\)](#)
- [Politics, philosophy and public affairs \(pppa\)](#)
- [International relations](#) (one curriculum in English)
- [Sustainable Development](#)

Medicine and Healthcare



- [Medical biotechnology and molecular medicine](#)

Science

- [Bioinformatics for computational genomics](#)
- [Biotechnology for the bioeconomy](#)
- [Environmental and Food Economics](#)
- [Industrial chemistry](#)
- [Molecular biology of the cell](#)
- [Molecular biotechnology and bioinformatics](#)
- [Pharmaceutical biotechnology](#) (one curriculum in English)
- [Safety assessment of xenobiotics and biotechnological products](#)

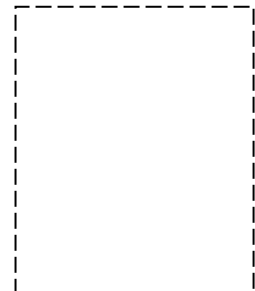
ATTACHMENT 1

University of Milan

UNICORE 2.0 APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name and Surname:.....
Date and place of birth:.....
Address:
Mobile phone:.....
E-mail:.....
refugee ID card number.....
OR ration number card of *PoR*:.....



PROGRAMMES OF INTEREST (MAX TWO CHOICES):

- A. _____
- B. _____

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR OTHER UNIVERSITIES?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____



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

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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 formative experiences

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

LANGUAGES

Levels of 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

.....

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

I hereby declare to accept without reserve all the terms and condition specify in the UNICORE 2.0 Call for applications for 2 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering for Second cycle degree programmes taught in English at the University of Milan, 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
