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**DECRETO RETTORALE N. 134/2023**

**University Corridors for Refugees – UNICORE 5.0 (Niger, Nigeria, Sud Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Uganda 2023- 2025)**

Call for applications for **2 study grants for refugee students** registering to second cycle degree programmes at the University of Urbino Carlo Bo, for the Academic Year 2023 - 2024

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION:**

**from 3 April at 12 pm (noon, UTC+1), 2023 to 19 May, 2023 at 12 pm (noon, UTC+1)**

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

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 5.0 project (2023 - 2025) is to promote the right to high education for refugees through study corridors from **Niger, Nigeria, Sud Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Uganda** 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 5.0 call is subject to the renewal of the national Cooperation Agreement which is due by the end of May, 2023.

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

UNICORE 5.0 benefits are assigned for A.Y. 2023-24 and A.Y. 2024-25. 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 2022-2023 academic year. Updated information for 2023-2024 academic year will be published in June 2023 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 winners 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);
- Coverage of the subscription to the University Sport Centre (CUS) (University of Urbino Carlo Bo);
- Psychological support (University of Urbino Carlo Bo);
- Guidance and tutoring for studies and administration (University of Urbino Carlo Bo).

Scholarships will be provided by the Regional Body for the right to Education (ERDIS), according to a call issued every year. The scholarships include a set of free provisions (canteen, student accommodation) and a cash amount according to students' income and properties. Winners 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 winners will be published at the following link <https://www.uniurb.it/international>. > Regular Students > Calls for applications for International students.

## **ART. 3 Incompatibility**

The UNICORE 5.0 study grants cannot be combined with:



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- 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 Niger, Nigeria, Sud Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Uganda 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 2018 and to be obtained by 19 May, 2023;
- 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 and application documents**

Students are 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.

Students are required to submit the following documentation:

##### **MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:**

- A copy of the currently valid Refugee Identity card issued in collaboration with UNHCR or a copy of the PoR card;
- A certificate confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen degree programme;
- Transcript of exams passed and relative marks;
- Curriculum Vitae.



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## **NOT MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:**

- A motivation letter (maximum two A4 pages);
- Letter/s of references written by supervisor/advisor supporting the application.

In this phase, any translation of documents edited in languages other than English, Spanish, German, French or Italian can be done directly by the candidates.

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

Applications are open from 3 April, 2023 at 12 pm (noon, UTC+1) to 19 May, 2023 at 12:00 pm (noon, UTC+1).

In order to submit their application, candidates are required:

1. to complete the [application form](#) ;
2. to send all the documents listed in art. 5 mailing to [unicore@uniurb.it](mailto:unicore@uniurb.it).

Once the University of Urbino Carlo Bo receives the [application form](#) and the documents, candidates will be sent a confirmation in the email indicated 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 31 May, 2023. 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**



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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 5 June, 2023 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**

Candidate 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.

In the event that, having scrolled the ranking, there are still seats available, the university reserves the right to proceed with the evaluation of any candidates among those reported by the other Universities participating in the programme unicore 5.0. Those candidates 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 scholarships in case none of the candidates evaluated will be considered eligible.

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

Winners will be notified by email by 20 June, 2023 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 candidates must reply to the University communication by 5 days. Failing to provide feedback by the given deadline will cause the loss of the benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, students fully accept without reserve UNICORE 5.0 project support and financial benefits at the conditions established in this call for applications.

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

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 3 of this call for applications.



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## **ART. 9 Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats**

In case a candidate winner of the scholarship officially withdraws by 26 June, 2023, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

In case of vacant seats by 7 July, 2023, the University of Urbino reserves the right to search for eligible candidates from the ranking of other University partners. Eligible candidates from external rankings must meet specific requirements of the degree programmes of the University of Urbino Carlo Bo.

## **ART. 10 Renewal**

### **10.1 Renewal requirements**

In order to renew the scholarship, students are 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, 2024. In addition, students are required to acquire the Italian Language certification A1 issued by the University Language Centre (CLA) by passing the related language test by 31 July, 2024.

In order to maintain the scholarship, students are required to earn 60 university credits by 30 September, 2025. In addition, students are required to acquire the Italian Language certification B1 issued by the University Language Centre (CLA) by passing the related language test by 31, July 2025.

Students are required to graduate by the last session available for their matriculation year, e.g. March - April 2026.

### **10.2 Additional Renewals**

In extraordinary and duly motivated conditions, in the event students will not be able to graduate by the March-April 2026 session, they 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, 2026, and it will be taken in consideration only if students have earned at least 80 CFU and have 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 candidates have been admitted to, they will be required to attend the Italian Language Courses organised by the University Language Centre (CLA). Students will be required to obtain the following Italian Language certifications:

- Level A1 – by July 2024
- Level B1 – By July 2025
- Level B2 – By February 2026



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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**

Candidates who will withdraw from the programme, even for voluntary disappearance, will lose all the benefits of the scholarship.

It will be considered an implicit withdrawal if students are not available, leave the halls of residence or stop to attend classes for more than 15 days without providing any justification or communication to the Ufficio Relazioni con gli studenti e applicativi carriera.

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

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



ATTACHMENT 1



*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.university.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.university.it](http://www.university.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