



University of Tuscia  
Mobility and International Cooperation Office

## **University Corridors for Refugees, UNICORE 4.0 (Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, Malawi, Mozambico, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa 2022-24)**

**Call for applications for 2 study grants and welcome services  
for refugee students registering for Second Cycle Degree  
Programmes taught in English t the University of Tuscia for the  
Academic Years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024**

**DEADLINE: May 31st 2022**

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## **Art. 1 – Subject, benefits and duration**

The general objective of the UNICORE 4.0 project is to promote the right to higher education for refugees through study corridors to Italy.

### **Art. 1.1. - National Project Partners**

The project is jointly promoted by a consortium of partners:

- United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR)
- Caritas Italiana
- Diaconia Valdese
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)
- The universities signing the cooperation agreement for the project “University Corridors for Refugees” 4.0 (2022/2024)”, including the University of Tuscia.

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection, certified by UNHCR, living in Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, Malawi, Mozambico, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa, who will register in one of the Second cycle (Master) degree programmes taught in English at University of Tuscia for the A.Y. 2022-23 and 2023-24.

1) **Security and Human Rights** [Security and Human Rights - UnitusOrienta](#)

2) **Mechanical Engineering** [Mechanical Engineering - UnitusOrienta](#)

Applicants are strongly recommended to apply to programmes for which they meet the specific entry requirements.

### **Art. 1.2 - Local Partners of the project**

University of Tuscia will be supported in the project by local partners, including Caritas Viterbo, ARCI Viterbo, LazioDisco Viterbo, AUCS (Associazione Universitaria Cooperazione e Sviluppo).

Details of the services offered by the local partners are specified in the cooperation agreement by which the partners agree to join the partnership.

### **Art. 1.3 - Supports and benefits offered**

Beneficiaries of the UNICORE 4.0 project will benefit of support in:

- pre-enrolling at the Italian Embassy in the Country of residence and carrying out immigration procedures (Visa and preparation of supporting documents) assisted by UNHCR local representatives;
- full coverage of the expenses incurred before the arrival in Italy, including flight tickets provided by CARITAS;
- full tuition fee reduction (in any case the student must pay € 156 for taxes and revenue stamp-amount subject to change for A.Y. 2022-23);
- € 6.000 per year of study provided by University of Tuscia, the amount will be shifted in three payments: the first payment (€ 900) will be paid in cash at the arrival, the second (€ 2.100) will be paid as soon as the student will open a bank account, the third installment will be paid in March 2023, subject to the achievement of merit requirements;
- Psychological support provided by ARCI and University of Tuscia;
- free Italian Course provided both by the language center of the University of Tuscia and ARCI Viterbo;
- AUCS (University Association for Cooperation and Development) will support the winners in the integration in the academic environment and will assist them for any problem encountered in student life;
- CARITAS Viterbo will involve the students in activities aimed to foster social inclusion and integration;
- Assistance of the staff of the Mobility and International Cooperation Office of University of Tuscia (email: [international@students.it](mailto:international@students.it)) for any problem related to the enrolment procedure;
- bureaucratic assistance in the application for the Italian residence permit provided by ARCI Viterbo.

### **Art. 1.4 - Access to the Regional Scholarship for the right to Education (LAZIODISCO)**

Students selected for the UNICORE 4.0 project must apply for the additional scholarship provided by Lazio Regional Board for the Right to Education (LazioDisco). The call to apply for LazioDisco benefits are normally published in May 2022 on the LazioDisco website ([www.laziodisco.it](http://www.laziodisco.it)) and the deadline for the application usually is in July 2022 (please check the LazioDisco website).

The students will also be supported by the staff of Mobility and International Cooperation Office of University of Tuscia in the application for LazioDisco benefits.

Students who have correctly completed the application for LazioDisco grants and are included as winners in the ranking lists can receive for A.Y. 2022-23:

- accommodation in a student dormitory;
- a study grant worth of approximately € 3.800 per academic year, additional to the UNITUS scholarships, divided in two payments and after verification of the academic results achieved.

LazioDisco benefits can be assigned for A.Y. 2022-23, subject to application submission and can be confirmed for the AY 2023/2024 upon maintenance of merit requirements.

The possibility of being awarded LazioDisco benefits is dependent on the rules set in the specific call for applications, including the merit requirements to be achieved in order to maintain the benefits during each academic year and not to incur in their revocation.

### **Art. 2 – Incompatibility**

The UNICORE 4.0 study grants cannot be combined with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by the University of Tuscia for 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 aimed at assisting the enrolment of international students at Italian Universities.

### **Art. 3 – Admission requirements**

Application is open exclusively to candidates who:

1. are residing in Cameroon, Niger, Nigeria, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, South Africa 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. The degree must be issued by an accredited higher education institution;
3. have a Grade Point Average of at least 3.0 24/30 of the Italian grading system, according to the Italian tertiary education grading systems approved by the Ministry of Education (Annex 1);
4. the degree must not be obtained before the year 2017;
5. meet the specific admission requirements of the Second cycle degree program of interest (see art.1.1);
6. have never been enrolled before in a degree program at any of the Partner University.

### **Art. 4 – Selection criteria and application documents**

#### **Art. 4.1 - Selection criteria and evaluation committee**

Applicants are selected on the basis of the merit requirements mentioned in Article 5. For the University of Tuscia the evaluation will be carried out by a Selection Committee appointed by the

Rector and composed by Professor Mario Savino (Teaching staff in charge of the project), a member of the Mobility and International Cooperation 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 Tuscia or the relevant Professors Board).

#### **Art. 4.2 - Application documents**

Applicants are required to submit the following documentation:

##### Mandatory documents:

1. the application form available at the following link: [UNITUS - UNHCR - UNICORE 4.0](#)
2. a copy of their currently valid Refugee Identity card issued in collaboration with UNHCR or the Ration Card Number of their Proof of Registration;
3. an official certificate confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen degree programme;
4. an official transcript of exams passed and relative marks;
5. any relevant and additional document required by the specific programmes chosen (see Art. 10);
6. a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV);
7. a motivation letter (maximum one A4 page).

All documents must be in English or Italian.

All documents in any language other than Italian or English must be supported by a translation into English or Italian. Winners of the grant will have to obtain Declaration of value by the Italian embassy in order to be accepted and enrolled.

#### **Art. 4.3 - Deadlines and modalities**

Applications, along with the documents listed in article 4.2, may be submitted from May 4th 2022 at 01:00 pm (Italian Official Time) to **May 31st 2022 at 01:00 pm** (Italian Official Time), exclusively by filling the google form to the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2Zs09wdcVzVQxyNVIsMZ6QcpiXoQfofilrvnn9MysCoMZA/vi ewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf2Zs09wdcVzVQxyNVIsMZ6QcpiXoQfofilrvnn9MysCoMZA/vi ewform?usp=sf_link)

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

#### **Art. 5 – Selection process**

Applicants are selected on the basis of merits requirements and the evaluation process is divided into two stages:

- Stage 1: preliminary evaluation of the documentation provided by the applicants
- Stage 2: interview of the applicants.

### **Art. 5.1 - Stage 1 - Evaluation of the documentation**

The Selection Committee will evaluate the documentation according to the following criteria:

- Academic background and GPA (score: 0-15)
- Evaluation of CV: professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-15)
- Coherence between previous studies and selected Second Cycle Degree programme (score: 0-10)

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

Only the first eight applicants in the provisional ranking will be admitted to the interview.

Applicants admitted to Stage 2 will be notified by e-mail by **June 15th 2022**.

### **Art. 5.2 - Stage 2 - Interview**

Applicants admitted to Stage 2 will be interviewed by the Selection Committee, which will assess their technical and language skills.

The interviews will take place from **June 20th 2022 to June 25th 2022** via online platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, etc.

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

Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points.

The Selection Committee may be integrated for each Programme by at least one professor teaching in that Programme.

Applicants are requested to come to the interview with the Refugee Identity Card used during the on-line application.

Applicants with disabilities who need assistance during the interview must specify on the application form the type of disability they have and the type of support they need. In this case, an official disability certificate is required.

### **Art. 5.3 - Establishment and approval of the final ranking list**

Applicants scoring less than 50/80 points will not be included in the final ranking.

Applicants rankings are drawn up by the Selection Committee by adding up the results of the two phases.

The rankings are organized in descending order of points.

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

Only in the event that the list of eligible candidates does not include representatives of both genders, seats may be awarded to two representatives of the same gender.

In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the youngest candidate.

The list of eligible applicants for the University of Tuscia, including those not selected for the available seats, will be notified by email and published on <http://universitycorridors.unhcr.it> and <http://www.unitus.it/it/unitus/mobility-programs/articolo/unhcr> not later than **June 30th 2022**. In

this list, the refugee ID card number or ration number card of PoR will be used in place of the full name to identify eligible and not eligible candidates. The former will be notified by e-mail.

#### **Art. 5.4 - Acceptance**

The winning applicants must reply to the University communication accepting the scholarship within 10 days from receipt. Failure to provide a reply within the deadline will result in loss of benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, the student fully and unreservedly accepts UNICORE 4.0 project support and financial benefits under the conditions set out in the present call.

By accepting the scholarship, the student also confirms under his/her own responsibility that he/she does not fall under any of the conditions of incompatibility established in Art. 2 of the present call. He/She must also inform the University of any changes in the declared data that may occur during the year.

Selected applicants are not automatically enrolled in their chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme. Selected applicants are required to comply with applicable provisions and deadlines, including the enrolment regulations established by the Memorandum issued by the Italian Ministry of University and Research concerning foreign students' access to university degree programmes.

Applicants will receive detailed information from the Mobility and International Cooperation Office of the University of Tuscia on the procedure to follow in order to complete their enrolment.

#### **Art. 5.5 - Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats**

In case of vacant seats, the University of Tuscia reserves the right to search for eligible candidates from ranking of other University partners of UNICORE 4.0. Potential candidates must meet the specific entry requirements of University of Tuscia.

Potential candidates must undergo any further selection process that the University of Tuscia deems appropriate in order to verify specific entry requirements.

#### **Art. 6 – Renewal requirements**

In order to renew the scholarship for the second year students are required to obtain 24 university credits (CFU) by the **end of July 2023**.

#### **Art. 6.1 Additional Renewals**

Students are required to graduate by the last session available for their matriculation year, e.g. February 2025. Students who do not succeed to graduate by September 2024 can request a 6 months extension of the scholarship, at the condition to have earned at least 80 university credits and to graduate by **28th February 2025**. Extension request must be submitted to the Mobility and International Cooperation Office.

### **Art. 7 – Withdrawal**

Candidates selected as winners can withdraw by sending an e-mail to [international@unitus.it](mailto:international@unitus.it) by **July 20th 2022**. In case of withdrawals, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

### **Art. 8 – Information notice concerning data processing**

In compliance with European data protection policy, the personal data collected are processed as described in the following page available (in Italian) at: <http://www.unitus.it/it/unitus/footer/articolo/privacy1>

The applicant gives consent to publish his/her refugee ID card number or ration number card of his/her PoR (proof of registration) in the final list of candidates admitted to the project on the website: <http://universitycorridors.unhcr.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 4.0” among all the parties listed in Art. 1. This call might be suspended or withdrawn in accordance with the developments of the legal and epidemiological framework of the health emergency known as “Coronavirus” or “SARS-CoV-19”.

### **Art. 10 – Publication of the Call**

The present call and the application form will be published on the websites:

<https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/>

<http://www.unitus.it/it/unitus/mobility-programs/articolo/unhcr>

### **Art. 11 – Procedure Manager**

In compliance with the provisions of Law no. 241/1990, art.5, the person in charge of the procedure at the present call is dott. Carlo Contardo, Head of Mobility and International Cooperation Office, University of Tuscia.

Viterbo, 03/05/2022

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