



University of Tuscia  
International Student Office

**University Corridors for Refugees  
UNICORE 8.0**

**(Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, India,  
Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa,  
Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe 2026-28)**

**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 Tuscia for  
the Academic Years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028**

**DEADLINE: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (noon, UTC+2)**

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

The general objective of the UNICORE 8.0 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
- Centro Astalli per rifugiati
- Gandhi Charity
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)
- The universities signing the cooperation agreement for the project “University Corridors for Refugees” 8.0 (2026/2028)”, including the University of Tuscia.

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection, certified by UNHCR, living in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe, who will register in the Second cycle (Master) degree Programme [Security and Human Rights](#), taught in English, at the University of Tuscia for the A.Y. 2026-27 and 2027-28.

### **Art. 1.2 - Supports and benefits offered**

Beneficiaries of the UNICORE 8.0 project will be entitled to the following services:

- Support for pre-enrollment at the Italian Embassy in the Country of residence and immigration procedures (Visa and preparation of supporting documents) given by local UNHCR representatives;
- Full tuition fee reduction (in any case the student must pay € 156 for taxes and revenue stamp: the amount may be subject to change for A.Y. 2026-27);
- A scholarship of € 7.000 per year for two academic years (gross of Irap 8.5% borne by the Institution), i.e. € 6,451.60 (net of Irap borne by the Institution). The amount will be shifted in three payments: the first payment (€ 900 gross of Irap 8.5% borne by the Institution) will be paid in cash at the arrival, the second (€ 2.100 gross of Irap 8.5% borne by the Institution) will be paid as soon as the student will open a bank account, the third installment will be paid in March 2027, subject to the achievement of merit requirements;
- Travel expenses covered by the University of Tuscia;

- Cultural mediation service provided by the University of Tuscia;
- Free Italian course provided by the language center of the University of Tuscia;
- Assistance of the staff of the International Student Office of the University of Tuscia (email: [international@unitus.it](mailto:international@unitus.it)) for any problem related to the enrolment procedure.

### **Art. 2 – Incompatibility**

The UNICORE 8.0 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;
- scholarships provided by the institution for the right to study (LazioDiSCo).

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

Application is open exclusively to candidates who:

1. Are residing in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe and have been recognized refugee status in these countries in collaboration with UNHCR;
2. Hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme;
3. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 according to the country of graduation tertiary education grading system or equivalent according to the [comparable table](#) issued by the Italian Ministry of Education;
4. Hold a degree obtained in or after 2021 and no later than the call deadline;
5. Meet the specific admission requirements of the Second Cycle Degree Program;
6. Have never before been enrolled in a degree Programme at any of the Partner Universities.
7. Proficiency in the English language is required.

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

Applicants are selected on the basis of the selection criteria and application documents as mentioned in the following article.

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

For the University of Tuscia the evaluation will be carried out by a Selection Committee appointed by the Rector and composed by Professor Daniela Vitiello (Teaching staff in charge of the project), a member of the International Student Office, the Professor in charge of the Master Programme 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 must select the University of Tuscia and apply for the master's degree Programme "Security and Human rights" via the official platform of UNHCR: [UNHCR - UNICORE 8.0](#);

Students are required to submit the following mandatory documentation:

1. Refugee ID card or Proof of refugee registration;
2. A certificate confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen degree Programme;
3. Transcripts of exams passed and relative grades;
4. GPA documentation;
5. Curriculum vitae;
6. Motivation letter;
7. Any relevant and additional document required by the specific Programmes chosen.

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 a Declaration of value by the Italian embassy in order to be accepted and enrolled.

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

Applications can be submitted from 2nd of March 2026 until 17th of April 2026, 12,00 p.m. (noon, UTC +2). Students are due to send applications, including all the documents listed in article 4.2, through the UNICORE website, at <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/>. This is a mandatory requirement: non-compliance with this clause will cause the immediate rejection of the application. Once the application has been submitted, a confirmation email to the mailbox

indicated in the online form will be sent. Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be taken into consideration. Students may apply for only one Master's degree Programme offered by the University of Tuscia (MA in "[Security and Human Rights](#)"). Furthermore, applicants are allowed to apply to a maximum of two universities participating in the UNICORE 8.0 project in total (including the University of Tuscia).

### **Art. 5 – Selection process**

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

- Step 1: preliminary evaluation of the documentation provided by the applicants;
- Step 2: On-line interview.

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

The Selection Committee 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)

Applicants receiving a score of less than 25 will not be admitted to Step 2 of the selection process. Only the first eight applicants in the provisional ranking will be admitted to the interview. Applicants admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email from **May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

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

Applicants admitted to step 2 will be interviewed by the Committee of Experts, who will evaluate their technical skills, knowledge of the subject and level of English. Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points.

The interviews will take place from **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026** to **June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026** via online platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, etc.

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

Candidates are requested to present themselves for the interview with the Ration Card Number or 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. Providing this information is optional and it will be treated as strictly confidential, and it will only be used to determine how to best assist the applicant during the selection process. Adjustments for candidates with disabilities will be

provided as best as possible and as needed upon request.

### **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 scholarships are awarded with due regard to fair geographic and gender representation. Selections are made without distinction on the grounds of race, colour, sex, national origin, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation and gender identity.

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 <https://www.unitus.it/internazionale/studiare-all-estero/unhcr/> not later than **June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.

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 8.0 project support and financial benefits under the conditions set out in the present call.

By accepting the scholarship, students also confirm under their own responsibility that they do not fall under any of the conditions of incompatibility established in Art. 2 of the present call. They 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 Procedures For Entry, Residency And Enrolment Of International Students And The

Respective Recognition Of Qualifications For Higher Education Courses In Italy issued by the Italian Ministry of University and Research concerning foreign students' access to university degree Programmes.

Applicants will receive detailed information from the International Student 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 lists of other University partners of UNICORE 8.0. 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 2027**.

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

Students are required to graduate by the last session available for their matriculation year, e.g. February 2029. Students who do not succeed to graduate by February 2029 can request a 6 months extension of the scholarship, at the condition to have earned at least 80 university credits. Extension requests must be submitted to the International Student Office. The extension of the scholarship is conditional upon the determination of effective fund availability.

#### **Art. 7 – Withdrawal**

Candidates selected as winners can withdraw by sending an e-mail to [international@unitus.it](mailto:international@unitus.it) by **July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. In case of withdrawals, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking. The sliding of the ranking list will end on **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**.

#### **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: <https://www.unitus.it/ateneo/privacy/>.

Applicants give consent to publish their refugee ID card number or ration number card of their 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 8.0” among all the parties listed in Art. 1.

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

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

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

<https://www.unitus.it/internazionale/studiare-all-estero/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 Marcella Barone, Responsible for the International Student Office, University of Tuscia.

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