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

Call for applications for 3 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering for Second cycle degree programmes taught in English at the University of Sassari, for the Academic Years 2020-21

APPLICATION DEADLINES: From **April 20th 2020** to **May 20th 2020**

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.

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
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)
- University of Sassari (Uniss)
- All the other universities signing the Cooperation Agreement for the project “University Corridors for Refugees - 2.0 (Ethiopia - 2020/2022)”.

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.) 2020-21.

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.

1.2 Local Partners of the Project

University of Sassari will be supported in the project by different local partners among them Caritas Diocesana of Sassari. The support is conditional to the signing of the cooperation agreement between the parties. Details of the service offered by the partners will be better specified in the Memorandum of Understanding.



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.

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);
- Full tuition fee exemption;
- € 5000 per year of study: a scholarship supported by local partnership, including Housing and Board. Part of the payment will be divided in monthly instalments and subject to the achievement of merit requirements as better specified in article 6. Winners will be provided with more information upon enrolment;
- € 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.;
- Coverage of extra expenses as better specified in article 6;
- An additional limited budget may be made available from the partners for the coverage of unforeseen and urgent expenses (such as specialist medical checkup, etc). The priority of the need will be prior discussed with and authorized by the partners;
- Mentoring service for all the duration of the studies;
- Full support from the Student Administration and Course Office;
- A Buddy service for helping in Integrating in the local student life and community;
- Free introduction program of lessons to different degree courses, online by June 2020, with Italian language courses, by the University of Sassari;
- Psychological Counseling Service by the University of Sassari and Caritas;
- 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.

ART. 2 – Incompatibility.

The UNICORE 2.0 study grants cannot be combined with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by the University of Sassari for the support of Student Administration and Course Office;
- 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 Sassari, aimed at assisting the enrolment of international students at the University of Sassari.



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 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, for more information about specific requirements see Art. 10;
7. Have never been enrolled before in a degree programs at any of the Partner Universities.

ART. 4 – Selection criteria and application documents

Art 4.1 Selection criteria and evaluation committee

Students are selected on the basis of merit requirements.

For the University of Sassari, the evaluation will be carried out by a Committee of Experts composed by Professor Silvia Serreli (Teaching staff in charge of the project), a member of the Student Administration and Course Office, the Professor in charge of the Master Programmes concerned - or her/his delegates – and any other teaching staff the Professors will consider appropriate.

Art. 4.2 Application documents

Students are required to submit the following documentation:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

1. The application form attached to this call (see Attachment 2);
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 relative 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 corridorsuniss@uniss.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.

Art. 4.3 Deadlines and modalities

Applications are opened from the day after publication of this call to **20th May, 2020 at 12:00 pm** (noon, Italian Official Time, CEST).

For University of Sassari, students are required to send all the documents to: corridorsuniss@uniss.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.

For University of Sassari, students are allowed to apply for maximum two programmes in which they meet the specific entry requirements. We strongly suggest students to apply for no more than two different Universities.

Art. 5 - Selection process

The application process is divided into two steps:

- Step 1: preliminary evaluation of the documentation
- Step 2: interview

Art. 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);
- Personal motivation and 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.

Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email by **29st May, 2020.**

Art. 5.2 Step 2 – Online Interview

Candidates admitted to step 2 will be interviewed via web, through Skype or other videoconferencing services, by the Committee of Expert, who will evaluate their motivation, technical skill and 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**.

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.

Art. 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 decree. The rankings are organised in decreasing order of points.

The three available seats are 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 three 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 Sassari, including the ones not selected for the available seats, will be published by **30th June** on www.uniss.it/corridoiuniversitari and on <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it>

Winners will be also notified by e-mail by **30th June, 2020**.

Art. 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 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.

Candidates will receive from the Student Administration and Course Office of University of Sassari detailed information about the procedure to follow in order to complete the enrolment.

Art. 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, University of Sassari 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 University of Sassari programmes.

ART. 6 – Access to the scholarship and renewal requirements

Art.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.

Art. 6.2 Renewal requirements

In order to renew or maintain the scholarship students are required to acquire:

- First year- within the 10th of August 2021: 30 CFU.
- Second year: within the 10th of August 2022: 70 CFU.

Art.6.3 Additional Renewals

The students who do not succeed to complete the Master Programme within December 2022 can request a 6 months extension of the scholarship. The request must be submitted to the Student Administration and Course Office at the condition to have earned at least 80 university credits by 30th October, 2022.

ART. 7 – Withdrawal

Candidates selected as winners can withdraw by sending an e-mail to corridorsuniss@uniss.it

They will lose their right to all the benefits listed in Art. 1.3

In case of withdrawals received by **July 15th, 2020** UNICORE 2.0 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, 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.uniss.it/protezione-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/docod/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 – 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) among all the parties listed in art. 1 and of the specific the cooperation agreement between University of Sassari 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.

Art. 10 – List of the Second Cycle Degree taught in English (fully or partially) participating in the call for University of Sassari

By clicking on the link www.uniss.it/corridoiuniversitari you will get access to all the information about, including study plan and entry requirements.

Master programmes offered in English

- Innovation management for sustainable tourism – Classe LM77
- Migration Management – Classe LM81
- Wildlife Management, Conservation, and Control - Classe LM86

Master programmes offered partially in English and Italian

- Architecture – Classe LM4
- Chemical Sciences – Classe LM54
- Economics – Classe LM56
- Planning and policies for the City, the Environment and landscape – Classe LM48

Master programmes offered in Italian

- Agricultural systems – Classe LM69
- Forest and environmental systems – Classe LM73
- Animal production sciences - Classe LM86
- Food Quality and Safety – Classe LM70
- Land and environment management - Classe LM75



- Political science and Law for public administration – Classe LM62 LM/SC-GIUR
- Human and animal health biotechnologies – Classe LM9
- Biology - Classe - LM6
- Food Science, Health and Human Well-being – Classe LM61
- Business administration – Classe LM77
- Italian Literature, Modern Philology and Cultural Productions - Classe LM14
- Foreign Languages and Literatures for Cultural Mediation and Local Development – Classe LM38
- Social work and social policies – Classe LM87
- Archaeology - Classe LM2
- Historical and philosophical sciences - Classe LM78-LM84

Art. 11 – 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 www.uniss.it/corridoioniversitari

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 Student Administration and Course Office Vivaldo Massimiliano Urtis, urtis@uniss.it

Sassari, April 20th 2020

THE RECTOR
(Signed by Prof. Massimo Carpinelli)

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ATTACHMENT 2 – APPLICATION FORM

University of Sassari

UNICORE 2.0 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 OTHER UNIVERSITIES WITHIN UNICORE 2.0

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

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

WORK EXPERIANCE

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 formative 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 |
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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 www.universitycorridors.unhcr.it.

*I hereby declare to accept without reserve all the terms and condition specify in the **UNICORE 2.0 Call for applications for 3 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering for Second cycle degree programmes at the University of Sassari, for the Academic Years 2020-21.***

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

Place, Date and Signature
