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Research, Innovation and Internationalisation Division
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 3 SCHOLARSHIPS

“UNICORE 7.0 – A.Y. 2025-2026/2026-2027”

**FOR INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE STUDENTS FROM ETHIOPIA, INDIA, KENYA,
MALAWI, MOZAMBIQUE, NAMIBIA, NIGER, NIGERIA, SOUTH AFRICA,
TANZANIA, UGANDA, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE.**

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purposes and it is not legally binding. In the case of conflicting meanings
between language versions, the Italian version prevails.**

Executive Decree

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Deadline for submission of applications:

**April 18, 2025, at 12 PM (UTC+2)
(Noon, Italian time)**

ART.1 – Project Objective

The goal of the UNICORE 7.0 project (University Corridors for Refugees) is to promote the right to higher education for refugees by creating university corridors from **Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.**

UNICORE 7.0 is supported by a consortium of international, national, and local partners, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), the University of Turin (UNITO), and other Italian universities.

ART. 1.1 – Purpose and Duration of the Scholarship

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The University of Turin funds 3 two-year scholarships in the form of financial support and services for students enrolling in the 2025-2026 academic year in one of the following postgraduate degree programs offered in English with free admission:

Programs entirely taught in English

- [Area and Global Studies for International Cooperation](#), Department of Cultures, Politics, and Society
- [Artificial Intelligence for Biomedicine and Healthcare](#), Department of Oncology
- [Biotechnological and Chemical Sciences in Diagnostics](#), Department of Molecular Biotechnology and Health Sciences
- [Biotechnology for Neuroscience](#), Department of Neurosciences "Rita Levi Montalcini"
- [Cellular and Molecular Biology](#), Department of Life Sciences and Systems Biology
- [English and American Studies](#), Department of Foreign Languages Literatures and Modern Cultures
- [European Legal Studies](#), Department of Law
- [Language Technologies and Digital Humanities](#), Department of Humanities
- [Materials Science](#), Department of Chemistry

Programs with a curriculum in English

- [Philosophy](#) (Philosophy - curriculum in English), Department of Philosophy and Education Science
- [Animal Science](#) (Animal Nutrition and Feed Safety - curriculum in English, university campus in Grugliasco, 10 km from Turin, accessible by public transport), Department of Agricultural, Forest, and Food Sciences
- [Viticulture and Enology Sciences](#) (International curriculum in English), university campus in Asti, 60 km from Turin, accessible by train), Department of Agricultural, Forest, and Food Sciences
- [Agricultural Science](#) (Smart Agriculture - curriculum in English, university campus in Grugliasco, 10 km from Turin, accessible by public transport), Department of Agricultural, Forest, and Food Sciences



ART. 1.2 – Scholarship Composition

The scholarship provided by the University of Turin includes:

- A financial benefit of €7,000 per year (gross income), for the academic years 2025/2026 and 2026/2027;
- Exemption from university tuition fees for the academic years 2025/2026 and 2026/2027, except for the first installment of the student contribution, which covers the regional tax for the right to education and the duty stamp, as specified in the Tuition Fees and Contributions Regulations in force at the time of enrollment and subject to approval by the relevant academic bodies of UNITO;
- Housing services in accommodations identified by the University; if the housing service requires an additional contribution, the scholarship will be implemented with the corresponding amount;
- Welcome, orientation, integration and assistance in the university and social context;
- Assisted procedures for university enrollment;
- Cultural mediation and psychological support services;
- Academic tutoring;
- Support services for residence permit request;
- Personalized assistance for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders;
- An Italian language course.

The following support services are also provided:

By *Unione Pastorale Migranti (UPM)*

- Monthly food package supply after effective enrollment for the duration of the scholarship;
- Listening, information, orientation, and assistance in accessing local services, with a special focus on **health services provided by volunteer associations collaborating with UPM**;
- Educational support and Italian language courses offered by qualified volunteers;



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- Social inclusion activities for scholarship recipients through cultural and networking events.

By the Commissione Sinodale per la Diaconia

- A one-time financial contribution of €100 upon arrival in Italy to cover initial essential expenses;
- Provision of bedding, kitchen utensils, and cleaning supplies, if not provided in the assigned accommodation;
- Coverage of administrative costs for applying for a study residence permit and up to two renewals;
- Coverage of health insurance costs for 24 months, extendable to 30 months if necessary;
- Payment of the regional tax for the right to education and stamp duty for the first and second year of the Master's Degree;
- Purchase of a SIM card and coverage of the first month's phone plan;
- Purchase of a public transport subscription for the period before the scholarship funds are disbursed (up to two months);
- Assistance with administrative procedures and access to local services;
- Guidance on extracurricular activities and support for social inclusion.

Scholarships awarded under this call are not compatible with any other scholarships granted by other public or private institutions.

ART. 2 – Admission Requirements

Applicants must meet the following **requirements** at the application deadline, under penalty of exclusion:

- Residence in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and refugee status in the country of residence in cooperation with UNHCR;
- A study qualification suitable for enrollment in a postgraduate degree program for the academic year 2025/2026, obtained between January 1, 2020 and April 18, 2025;



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- A GPA of at least 3.0 (or an Italian equivalent of at least 24/30). The official conversion formula of the Italian Ministry of Education will be used: [Admission Criteria](#);
- Meeting the admission requirements specific to the chosen study program (check on the relevant website);
- Never having been enrolled in a degree program at UNITO or another university participating in the UNICORE project;
- Proficiency in English at a minimum level of B2 (CEFR). Applicants with a B2 or higher English language certification must submit it as part of the application. Acceptable certifications include: Cambridge First Certificate of English (FCE), PTE Academic, IELTS (minimum score: 5.5 out of 9), TOEFL iBT, Trinity College ISE II;
- Not being pre-enrolled on the [University](#) platform at another Italian university.

ART. 3 – Application Submission

Applications must be submitted **by April 18, 2025, at 12:00 PM UTC+2** exclusively through the online procedure available at: [UNICORE University Corridors](#)

Applicants must attach the following documents:

- a) A copy of the valid Refugee Identity Card or Proof of Registration;
- b) Original foreign academic qualification (undergraduate degree) and official transcript of records stamped and signed by the issuing institution, along with an official translation into English or Italian (if not already issued in English, Italian, French, or Spanish);
- c) A motivation letter in English;
- d) A curriculum vitae;
- e) Any certification of English language proficiency, at least at B2 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), if available.

The submission of fraudulent documents is a criminal offense. All submitted documents will be thoroughly verified by the selection committee. Documents must be clear and in PDF format; otherwise, the application will be excluded. Once the application is submitted it is no longer possible to modify it.



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Incomplete applications, late submissions, and applications sent via email will **not** be considered.

ART. 4 – Selection Process

Eligible applications will be reviewed in compliance with the admission requirements. Only eligible applicants will proceed to the following selection stages:

1. Admission to the postgraduate degree program
2. Awarding of UNICORE scholarships

ART. 4.1 – Admission to the degree program

The admission procedure for the degree program will be structured as follows:

- Technical verification of academic qualifications for access to the chosen degree program,
- Evaluation of the suitability of the academic qualification and the candidate for enrollment in the selected degree program, carried out by the Evaluation Degree Program Board of the degree programs (hereinafter referred to as the Program Board).

The Program Board may require the candidate to attend an online interview to assess their academic preparation.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: To be awarded the scholarship, **the academic qualification must be deemed suitable for enrollment in a postgraduate degree program with free admission** (art. 1.1), based on the evaluation conducted by the International Students Office and the positive feedback of the Program Board regarding the candidate's adequate academic preparation and compliance with the curricular requirements of the chosen degree program.

Failure to meet the admission criteria for the degree program will automatically result in exclusion from the selection process for this call.

ART. 4.2 – Awarding of UNICORE scholarships

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Only candidates deemed eligible for admission to their selected degree program will proceed to the scholarship selection phase. The selection will be conducted by a dedicated Selection Committee responsible for awarding the scholarships.

The Selection Committee will evaluate candidates based on the following scoring criteria:

- Requirements set out in the call for applications
- Academic background and GPA (**score: 0-20 points**)
- CV evaluation: professional experience and skills (**score: 0-10 points**)
- Relevance of previous studies to the selected Master's Degree program with free admission (score: 0-10 points)

Candidates will be ranked based on their total score. The **top 10 candidates** with a **score of at least 25/40** will be invited to an online interview.

Candidates selected for the interview will receive an invitation email from the International Students Office, specifying the date, time and platform for the interview.

Participation in the interview is subject to the successful verification of the candidate's refugee status by UNHCR in the country of residence.

Candidates must attend the online interview with their Ration Card Number or Refugee Identity Card, as submitted in the application phase.

- Outcome of the Online Interview (the Selection Committee will assess the candidate's technical and academic skills, as well as their English language proficiency): **score: 0-40 points**

Candidates will be considered eligible for the scholarship if they obtain a **minimum total score of 40/80 points** (including both requirement evaluation and interview assessment).

In the absence of a language certification, the Selection Committee will assess the candidate's English proficiency during the interview, along with any additional language skills declared in their curriculum vitae.



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ART. 5 – Ranking list

At the end of the selection interviews, a **ranking list** will be published based on the results of the evaluations. In the event of a tie in total scores, priority for awarding the scholarship will be given to female candidates and younger candidates.

Starting from **June 30, 2025**, information regarding the selection results and the scholarship awards will be published on the university website at the following pages:

- [Borse per studenti internazionali](#)
- [Scholarships for International Students](#)

ART. 6 – Acceptance of the scholarship

Scholarship winners will receive official notification from the International Students Office specifying the procedure and the deadline for accepting the scholarship.

To receive the scholarship, successful applicants must:

1. Accept the scholarship **by Thursday, July 10, 2025**, by submitting the acceptance letter provided by the International Students Office (signed and dated);
2. Submit a pre-enrollment application via the University platform within the deadline set by the International Students Office;
3. Complete the university enrollment procedure for the chosen postgraduate degree program by paying the first installment of the student contribution fee as per art.1 within the deadline communicated by the International Students Office;
4. Obtain a valid study visa, arrive in Italy and provide the request receipt of the residence permit by the deadline set for postgraduate degree programs enrollment for the 2025-2026 academic year;
5. Declare that they are not recipients of any other scholarships, as specified in art.1

The scholarships offered under this call cannot be combined with any other scholarships awarded by public or private institutions.

If a candidate is awarded multiple scholarships, they must inform the International Students Office immediately via email at unicore@unito.it and choose only one scholarship.



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To complete enrollment, scholarship recipients must submit the following documents:

- Travel document or passport;
- Valid Refugee Identity Card or another document proving refugee status;
- Valid study visa;
- Italian tax code (Codice Fiscale);
- Receipt of the request of the residence permit (a residence permit for asylum seekers in Italy **does not allow enrollment at UniTO**);
- Original foreign academic qualification (bachelor's degree) and official transcript of records, both signed and stamped by the academic institution, along with consular legalization, apostille or ENIC-NARIC verification, and official translations into Italian or English if not already issued in English, French, Spanish, or Italian.

If a selected candidate renounces the scholarship or fails to meet any of the required conditions, they will lose their entitlement to the scholarship.

ART. 7 – Reallocation of scholarships

Beneficiaries who wish to decline the scholarship must notify the International Students Office via email at unicore@unito.it by July 18, 2025. Scholarships that remain unawarded will be reassigned to the next eligible candidates in the ranking list until all available scholarships have been assigned.

ART. 8 – Scholarship disbursement terms

ART. 8.1 – Scholarship payment plan The **UNICORE 7.0 scholarship** will be awarded in four installments via bank transfer to an Italian bank account in the recipient's name or co-owned by the recipient.

The **first installment (€3,000)** will be paid **only after**:

- Entry into Italy with a valid study visa and presentation of the receipt for the residence permit request;



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- Completion of enrollment at the University of Turin within the deadlines specified by International Students Office;
- Opening of an Italian bank account with an IBAN in the recipient's name or co-owned by the recipient;
- Signing of the financial agreement for the scholarship, confirming that the recipient accepts the terms and the conditions and that they do not fall under any conditions of incompatibility
- Submission of all required financial documents provided by the International Students Office.

The remaining three installments will be awarded only if the recipient meets academic progress requirements.

Payment Schedule recap:

Installment	Amount	Disbursement Period	Academic Requirement
1st	€3,000 (gross)	Nov-Dec 2025	Enrollment in the 2025-2026 academic year
2nd	€4,000 (gross)	Aug-Sep 2026	Completion of at least 2 exams of the first year listed in the study plan by July 31, 2026
3rd	€3,000 (gross)	March 2027	Renewal of enrollment for the second year and completion of at least 4 exams of the first year listed in the study plan by Feb 28, 2027
4th	€4,000 (gross)	Oct 2027	Completion of all first-year exams by Sep 30, 2027

***Credits resulting from shortening of career will not be considered when counting CFUs.**



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****Students must graduate within their expected academic timeline (by March-April 2028).**
Any **enrollment to years beyond the standard duration** of the program will **not** include an extension of the scholarship benefits.

The following will not be considered in the career verification:

- any exams recognized for career shortening procedures;
- partial exam modules (only exams passed fully will be considered valid);
- exams not specified in the study plan and/or without a grade out of 30;

In **exceptional and well-justified cases**, the **Selection Committee** may evaluate special requests for extensions.

ART. 8.2 The third and fourth installments (second year) of the scholarship will only be disbursed if:

- The recipient pays the tuition fee for the second academic year within the deadline set by the Tuition Fees and Contributions Regulations
- The recipient meets all academic progress requirements mentioned in the table above.

ART. 9 – Loss of scholarship eligibility

A recipient will automatically lose the scholarship if they decide to drop out of their studies, switch to a different study program within UniTO or transfer to another Italian university.

If a scholarship recipient applies for asylum in Italy, they will lose their right to be enrolled at UniTO, as the status of asylum seeker does not allow him/her to do so. Consequently, they will also lose all scholarship benefits.

ART. 10 – Data processing and right of access



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Under Article 13 of the GDPR (Regulation 2016/679) regarding the processing of personal data, the University of Turin will handle all personal data in accordance with Annex 1: Privacy Policy.

ART. 11 – Resolution of disputes

This call for applications is translated into English for informational purposes only. For application, dispute resolution and all legal purposes, only the Italian version shall be considered valid.

ART. 12 – Final provisions

The responsible person for this procedure is Dr. Elisa Rosso, Director of the Research, Innovation, and Internationalization Division. For information: unicore@unito.it.

The Director
Dr. Elisa Rosso

digitally signed pursuant to Legislative Decree 82/ 2005



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ANNEX 1

PRIVACY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 13 AND 14 OF THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (EU REGULATION 679/2016 AND COUNCIL REGULATION OF 27 APRIL 2016)

The University of Turin hereby announces that the personal data of applicants to the call for applications for the award of 3 scholarships "UNICORE 7.0 for international students - a.y. 2025/2026 – 2026/2027" acquired with the application form or with any subsequent special means of collection, will be processed for the performance of its own institutional teaching and research activities, in compliance with the general principles of lawfulness, correctness, transparency, limitation of purposes and storage period, data minimisation, accuracy, integrity, confidentiality and accountability, of the personal data protection code and the University regulations implementing the code and concerning sensitive and judicial data (available on the portal www.unito.it, "Statute and Regulations", "Regulations: procedures"). Pursuant to Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (hereinafter GDPR), in compliance with the principle of transparency, the following information is provided in order to make students aware of the characteristics and methods of data processing:

a) Data controller and contact details

The Data Controller is the University of Turin, in the person of its pro-tempore legal representative the Rector, with registered office in Via Verdi 8 - 10124 Turin (contact details: PEC address: ateneo@pec.unito.it - email address: rettore@unito.it: telephone 011 6706111).

b) Contact details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO)

The University of Turin's Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be contacted at the following e-mail address: rpd@unito.it.



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c) Purpose of processing and legal basis

The processing of personal data requested from the data subject is carried out for the performance of a task in the public interest or in connection with the exercise of official authority within the meaning of Article 6(1)(e) of EU Regulation 2016/679 for the following purposes:

- 1) provision of study grants, scholarships and awards and other services related to the right to university study;
- 2) management of the student career (from enrolment to graduation) dispatch of the relevant notices and storage and archiving of all relevant documents;
- 3) management of curricular and extra-curricular traineeships;
- 4) statistical surveys and historical and scientific research (in aggregated and anonymous form);
- 5) management of listening and support activities for students in difficulty;
- 6) management of support activities for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders;
- 7) institutional communications from the university for administrative, teaching and research purposes (e.g. notification of seminars, events and conferences).

Please note that pursuant to the Consolidated Transparency Act Legislative Decree 33 of 2013, the data will be published online in the "Transparent Administration" section and on the University portal as part of the publication of the ranking list.

For the above-mentioned processing purposes and in specific situations, pursuant to Article 10 of the GDPR, special categories of personal data, such as data relating to criminal convictions and offences or related security measures, may be collected and processed.

d) Types of data processed

The personal data collected and processed by the Controller for the above-mentioned purposes are as follows:

- personal data;
- contact details;
- academic career data.



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For the above-mentioned purposes, personal data of a particular category pursuant to Article 9 of EU Regulation No. 2016/679 are collected and processed by the Controller, namely:

- health-related data relative to actions to support people with special needs;
- data relating to nationality, status as holder of temporary protection, international protection, subsidiary protection, special protection and other forms of protection under current Italian immigration law;

e) Provision of data

The provision of personal data is mandatory for the purpose of assessing the requirements for participation in the call for applications for the award of 3 scholarships "UNICORE 7.0" - a.y. 2025/2026 – 2026/2027". Failure to provide such data will result in non-admission to the aforementioned call for applications and failed completion of the relative procedure.

f) Modalities of Treatment

The processing of personal data will be carried out by means of manual, computerised and IT tools that are in any case suitable to guarantee the security and confidentiality of such data.

To achieve the above-mentioned purposes, the data are processed within the University of Turin by persons authorised to process data under the responsibility of the Controller, who are adequately instructed and trained for this purpose.

g) External Data Processors

The data may also be relayed and processed externally by third party providers of certain services necessary for the performance of the processing, who act on behalf of the Data Controller for the sole purpose of the requested service and who are duly appointed "Data Processors" pursuant to Article 28 of EU Regulation 2016/679.

h) Categories of recipients of personal data

Personal data will be disclosed to the following categories of recipients, in accordance with the regulations in force:

- 1) Ministry of University and Research – MUR



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- 2) National Register of Students and Graduates;
- 3) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Embassies, Prefectures, Police Headquarters, concerning the recognition of particular statuses;
- 4) Public Prosecutor's Office, State Attorney's Office for the management of litigation and disciplinary proceedings
- 5) Certifying Administrations, when checking the affidavits made pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445/200;
- 6) Public and private bodies and entities that manage the provision of research grants and/or scholarships or that promote studies and research, projects for university development;
- 7) Ente regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario per il Piemonte that manages services for the right to study (scholarships, residences, canteens);
- 8) Intesa Sanpaolo – a banking institution which, as the University's cashier, manages the procedures for the collection of university fees and contributions and the payment of scholarships;
- 9) Consorzio Interuniversitario per il Calcolo Automatico - CINECA, for the management and maintenance of student career applications;
- 10) Consorzio Interuniversitario Alma Laurea, for surveys on the profile and employment status of graduates;
- 11) Insurance institutions for accidents, public liability;
- 12) External public or private entities for employment, cultural, recreational and sports purposes;
- 13) External bodies and associations operating within the University for the fulfilment of the purposes of the relevant assignments.

The data processed for the above-mentioned purposes will be communicated or will in any case be accessible to teaching staff, employees or collaborators assigned to the University offices in charge, who, in their capacity as data protection contact persons and/or system administrators and/or authorised processors, will be adequately instructed by the Data Controller for this purpose.

i) Transfer of data to a third country

For the pursuit of some of the above-mentioned institutional purposes, the University makes use of possible suppliers designated as External Managers, of Google services for the Educational sector for which adequate guarantee measures have been adopted (for further



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details see Google's Privacy and Security section referred to in the Privacy section of the University Portal); these services imply the transfer of personal data to non-European countries (these are the so-called "in cloud" solutions of Google LLC).

l) Data retention period

Personal data relating to university careers (e.g. personal details, qualifications held, transcripts, etc.) will be stored indefinitely in order to comply with individuals' certification and verification requests, in compliance with the archiving obligations imposed by current legislation.

Contact data (telephone, personal email) are retained for the period necessary to achieve the purpose for which the data were collected and will, thenceforth no longer be used by the University thereafter.

m) Data rights

Data subjects (subjects to whom the data refer) may assert, in the cases provided for, their rights on personal data pursuant to Articles 15-21 of EU Regulation 2016/679, where applicable, to the University of Turin by sending a specific request with the subject: "*privacy rights*" to the following e-mail address: internationalstudents@unito.it.

n) Complaints

The data subject is informed that he/she has the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority and may appeal to the Data Protection Authority (website: www.garanteprivacy.it)

o) Profiling

The data controller does not use automated processes for profiling purposes.