

CALL FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF 2 SCHOLARSHIPS "UNICORE 5.0 – 2023/2024 – 2024/2025" FOR INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE STUDENTS IN KENYA, NIGER, NIGERIA, SOUTH AFRICA, UGANDA, ZAMBIA AND ZIMBABWE

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Executive Decree

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Deadline for application:
Closing date:
19 May 2023 at 1 pm CEST

ART.1 - Objective of the project

The aim of the UNICORE 5.0 project (University Corridors for Refugees) is to promote the right to higher education for refugees, through the creation of university corridors from Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe to Italy.

UNICORE 5.0 is supported by a consortium of international, national and local partners, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), University of Turin (UniTO) and other Italian universities.

Art. 1.1 – Purpose of the scholarship and duration

The University of Turin funds 2 two-year scholarships including both monetary and services benefits for students enrolling for the academic year 2023-2024 in one of the following postgraduate degree programs without a restricted number of places, held in English:



- Area and Global Studies for International Cooperation
 Department of Cultures, Politics and Society
- Biotechnological and Chemical Sciences in Diagnostics
 Department of Molecular Biotechnology and Health Sciences
- Cellular and Molecular Biology
 Department of Life Sciences and Systems Biology
- Cultural Heritage and Creativity for tourism and territorial development
 Department of Historical Studies (University campus in Biella, 70 km from Turin, reachable by train)
- Language technologies and digital humanities
 Department of Humanities
- Biotechnology for Neuroscience
 Department of Neurosciences "Rita Levi Montalcini"
- English and American Studies
 Department of Foreign Languages, Literature and Modern Cultures
- Philosophy (curriculum in English language of the degree in Philosophy)
 Department of Philosophy and Education Science
- Animal nutrition and Feed Safety (curriculum in English language of the degree in Scienze Animali) – (University campus in Grugliasco, 10 km from Turin, reachable by train/bus)
 - Department of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences

Art.1.2 Composition of the scholarship

The scholarship covers:

- A financial benefit of the annual amount of € 10,000 (gross amount), for the academic years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 (UniTo);
- Exemption from the payment of the contribution due for the academic year 2023/2024 and for the academic year 2024/2025. The first installment of the student contribution, consisting of the Regional Tax for the right to university study and stamp duty, equal to €156.00 per year, as well as the contributions for the services provided at request of the student are due. (UniTo)
- Free housing service at the Ufficio Pastorale Migranti (UPM) residences after the enrollment and for the entire length of the benefit. In case of need for a further period of stay after the completion of the degree program, the service may be extended for a further period of 6 months, and in any case no later than March 1st, 2026, at the request of the interested party;

The following support services are also provided by University of Turin:



- Welcome support, orientation, inclusion in the university and social context of reference;
- Assisted procedures for enrollment at the University;
- Cultural mediation and psychological support services;
- Tutoring;
- Support services aimed to assist international students in the application for the Italian residence permit;
- Personalized welcome services for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders.

Economical support for administrative expenses related to the final enrolment in university, request of the residence permit and related renewal, registration to the National Health System and related renewal are granted by Commissione Sinodale per la Diaconia.

The scholarships in this call are not compatible with any scholarship granted by other public and/or private institutions.

In the event that a candidate is a winner of several scholarships, he/she must choose which contribution to accept.

ART. 2 - Admission requirements

Candidates must be in possession (under penalty of exclusion) of the following **requirements** when submitting the application:

- 1. residing in Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Sudafrica, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe and having been recognized their refugee status in these countries in collaboration with UNHCR;
- 2. holding a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Postgraduate Degree Program offered by University of Turin for the a.y. 2023-2024, as listed in art. 1.1;
- 3. Having a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0, according to the country of graduation tertiary education grading system, or equivalent to 24/30 with reference to Italy education system, according to the comparable table issued by the Italian Ministry of Education published at the following link: https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/admission-criteria;
- 4. holding a qualification obtained on or after January 1st, 2018 and no later than May 19th 2023;
- 5. meeting the specific admission requirements of the postgraduate degree program detailed on the webpage of the program;
- 6. Having never been enrolled before in a degree program at UNITO nor at any of the Partner Universities of the UNICORE project;
- 7. proficiency in the English language equal or superior to B2 level.



Students who hold an English language certification including the following: BEC Vantage, FCE and C, IELTS 5.5-6.5, TOEFL iBT 87- 109, Trinity College ISE II must attach it in their application form;

8. not having submitted a pre-enrollment request on Universitaly website for a different Italian university.

ART. 3 - Submission of applications

Applications must be submitted by **May 19th**, **2023 (1 pm CEST)** exclusively through the online procedure, by filling out the application form available at the following link https://forms.gle/Q62mFThF1SVtsBkU8, attaching:

- a) passport, if held;
- b) a copy of the valid Refugee Identity Card, Proof of Registration or other document certifying refugee status;
- c) ration card;
- d) original foreign academic qualification (bachelor's degree) and related official study plan (transcript of records) bearing the stamp and signature of the foreign academic institution; the documents are accepted in Italian, English, French, Spanish; if they have been issued in other languages they must be provided with an official translation into English or Italian;
- e) motivation letter in English;
- f) curriculum vitae;
- g) any certification of language proficiency in English, equal to at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), if held.

Presenting any fraudulent school certificates or university qualifications is a crime. All the documents submitted will be carefully checked by experts.

The attached documentation must be readable, in pdf format, under penalty of exclusion from the selection. Once you have submitted your application, you will not be able to modify your application.

<u>Incomplete applications, applications received after the deadline or sent by email, multiple</u> applications sent from different email addresses will not be considered.



ART. 4. – Procedures for admission to the degree program and award of UNICORE scholarships

Applications received will be selected on the basis of compliance with the requirements for admission.

Only eligible candidates will proceed with the following selection phases:

- 1. Admission to the degree program
- 2. Allocation of UNICORE scholarships

Art.4.1 – Admission to the degree program

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

- technical verification of qualifications to access the degree program of interest;
- assessment of the suitability of the qualification and of the candidate for enrollment in the degree program of interest by the Evaluation Degree Program Board of the degree program (in the following parts indicated as Degree Program Board).

The Degree Program Board may request an online interview to the candidate for the assessment of his/her personal knowledge.

PLEASE NOTE: For the purpose of awarding the scholarship it is necessary that the degree has been assessed suitable for enrollment in a postgraduate degree program without a restricted number of places, based on the evaluation made by the International Students Office and the positive feedback expressed by the selected Degree Program Board, concerning the adequate personal knowledge and the possession of the curricular requirements foreseen.

<u>Ineligibility for admission to the degree program automatically implies exclusion from this</u> selection.

ART. 4.2.— Allocation of UNICORE scholarships

Only candidates eligible for admission to the chosen degree program will be able to access the selection phase for the award of the scholarships. The selection will be carried out by a specific Selection Committee for the allocation of the scholarships identified for this call.

This committee will evaluate candidates and assign the following maximum scores:

- 1. The requirements set out in the call
 - Academic background and GPA (score: 0-20);
 - CV assessment: professional experience and skills (score: 0-10);



 Coherence with the program of previous studies and the chosen postgraduate degree program without a restricted number of places (score: 0-10);

The **first 10 candidates** who have obtained a **score equal to or higher than 25**, as a result of the awarding of the scores, will be admitted to the interview.

Candidates admitted to the interview will receive an email from the International Students Office with details on the date, time and platform where the interview will be held.

Candidates must present themselves at the online interview with the Ration Card Number or the Refugee Identity Card provided during the application phase.

2. The outcome of the online interview (the selection committee will assess the candidate's technical, academic and English language skills): (score: 0-40)

Candidates who have obtained a **minimum score of 40/80 points** (requirements assessment and oral interview) will be considered eligible for the award of the scholarship.

In absence of the language certification, during the interview, the Selection Committee will verify the knowledge of the English language and any additional language skills declared by the candidate as part of the curriculum vitae.

ART. 5 Ranking List

At the end of the interviews, the **ranking list** will be drawn up taking into account the results of the evaluation. For the same overall score, the scholarship will be awarded to the youngest candidates.

Starting from July 10th 2023, information on the results of the selection and award of scholarships will be published on the University portal at:

https://en.unito.it/studying-unito/scholarships-international-students https://www.unito.it/internazionalita/studenti-e-ospiti-internazionali/studenti-internazionali/borse-studenti

ART. 6 - Acceptance of the scholarship

The winners will receive a communication from the International Students Office with instructions and deadlines to accept the scholarship.

To obtain the scholarship, candidates are required to:



- 1. accept the scholarship by **Thursday 20 July 2023**, by sending the letter of acceptance provided by the International Students Office (signed and dated);
- complete the enrollment procedure for the chosen degree program, through the payment
 of the first installment of the student contribution referred to in Article 1, within the
 deadline that will be indicated by the International Students Office;
- 3. declare that they are not beneficiaries of other scholarships, referred to in art.1;
- 4. obtain the study visa and the receipt of the residence permit request, within deadline provided for enrollment in the postgraduate degree programs.

Please note: To complete the enrollment, winners must present the following documentation:

- a) passport;
- b) a copy of the valid Refugee Identity Card or other document certifying refugee status;
- c) Italian Fiscal Code;
- d) receipt of the residence permit request;
- e) original foreign academic qualification (bachelor's degree) and related official study plan (transcript of records) with stamp and signature of the foreign academic institution and consular legalization/apostille/ENIC-NARIC verification certificate.
 - Documents are accepted in Italian, English, French, Spanish; if they have been issued in other languages they must be provided with an official translation in English or Italian.

In case the winners withdraw to the enrolment for the degree program or do not meet any of the conditions listed, they will lose the right to the scholarship.

ART. 7 - Scrolling of the ranking list

Applicants who wish to withdraw, can do so by sending an e-mail to international students @unito.it by July 21st, 2023.

Unallocated scholarships may be re-assigned to candidates usefully placed in the ranking list until all the positions have been scrolled.

ART. 8 - Scholarship allocation

ART. 8.1. The UNICORE 5.0 scholarship will be awarded in four installments by bank transfer to an Italian bank account in the name of or co-registered to the winner.

The **first installment (€5,000)** will be paid to the winners **exclusively** following:



- the actual entry in Italy with a visa for study purposes and presentation of the receipt of the application for the relevant residence permit;
- the completion of enrollment at the University of Turin within the deadline that will be indicated by the International Students Office;
- the opening of a bank account in Italy with IBAN in the name of the winner;
- the signing of the financial contract for the award of the scholarship (in which the winner accepts the terms and conditions relating to the scholarship and confirms that they do not fall within any of the incompatibility conditions established in Article 1 of this call);
- the delivery of the financial documents necessary for the provision of the scholarship, which will be provided by the International Students Office.

The subsequent installments will be paid only after the achievement of the required CFU (credits), according to the deadlines shown in the table.

installment	amount	month of payment	requirements
2	€5,000 gross recipient	September 2024	at least 50% of the credits of the first year* by August 31st 2024
3	€5,000 gross recipient	May 2025	Renewal of the enrolment to the 2 nd year of the chosen program and at least 80% of first-year credits * by April 30 th 2025
4	€5,000 gross recipient	September 2025	at least 100% of the credits required in first year and 30% of the credits required in second Year * by August 31st 2025

* Any credit resulting from career shortening (abbreviazione di carriera) will not be considered.

Enrolling in an additional year to the normal length of the program chosen will not grant any extension of the benefits of the present scholarship. Any adequately motivated cases may be evaluated by the Selection Committee.

ART. 8.2 The payment of the second year of the scholarship (3rd and 4th installments) is subject to the regular payment of the fee required for the renewal of enrolment in the second year of the degree program within the deadline provided for by the Taxes and Contributions Regulations, and to the possession of the requirements indicated.



ART. 9 - Repayment of scholarship

Students who decide to transfer to another university, or to another program within UniTO, or to withdraw from their studies, automatically lose the right to all benefits.

ART. 10 - Data processing and right of access

As per Art. 13 GDPR 2016/679 the University of Turin will process personal data in accordance with Annex 1 "Privacy Policy", as per Article 13 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation 679/2016.

ART. 11- Resolution of disputes

The only reason this Call is translated into English is for dissemination purposes. Only the Italian version is valid in its application and resolution of any controversy as well as any legal effects.

ART. 12 - Final provisions

The person in charge of the procedure is Ms Elisa Rosso, Director of the Innovation and Internationalization Division. For information, please contact: internationalization Division. For information, please contact: internationaliza

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Dott.ssa Elisa Rosso
This document is digitally signed
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ANNEX 1

PRIVACY POLICY ACCORDING TO GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION ART. 13 AND 14 (EU REGULATION 679/2016 AND COUNCIL OF 27 APRIL 2016)

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The University of Turin would like to inform UNICORE 5.0 – a.y. 2023/2024 - 2024/2025 scholarship candidates that their personal data acquired during their applications or subsequently will be processed for academic and research purposes. This is in compliance with general principles of lawfulness, correctness, transparency, limitation of purposes and period of storage, minimisation of data, accuracy, integrity, confidentiality and accountability, the Code on protecting personal data and University regulations implementing the Code and on sensitive and judicial data (see www.unito.it , " Statuto e Regolamenti", "Regolamenti: procedimenti").

In accordance with Art. 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (aka GDPR), the following information is provided in compliance with the principle of transparency and to inform students of data processing characteristics and methods:

a) Data Owner and contact details

The Data Owner is the University of Turin whose legal representative is the Rector with registered offices in Via Verdi 8 - 10124 Torino and who can be contacted at: ateneo@pec.unito.it. email address: rettore@unito.it. Tel: 011.6706111.

b) Data Protection Officer and contact details

The University of Turin Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be contacted at: rpd@unito.it.

c) Purpose for processing and legal basis

The requested personal data is processed in the public interest or related to public authority duties as per Art. 6, par. 1, lett. e) of EU Regulation 2016/679 for the following purposes:

1) providing scholarships, study awards and other services designated to grant the right to study to University study;



- 2) managing student profiles (from enrolment to graduation), sending relevant communications and storing and archiving all related documentation;
- 3) managing under-graduate and graduate internships;
- 4) statistical surveys and historical and scientific research (in aggregate and anonymous form);
- 5) managing listening and supporting services for students in need;
- 6) managing support activities for students with disabilities or specific learning needs;
- 7) University communications for administrative, coursework and research purposes (e.g. reporting seminars, events and conferences);

This data will be published in the "Amministrazione Trasparente" section and on the University website together with the eligible candidate list and in accordance with the single text on Transparency Law 33 (2013).

Certain categories of personal data, ie criminal convictions and offences or related security measures, can be collected and processed (GDPR Art. 10) for the purposes of processing this information in specific situations.

d) Types of data processed

The Data Owner collects and processes the following types of personal data for reasons mentioned above:

- personal details;
- contact details;
- university career history

The Data Owner collects and processes personal data of a particular category (above) as per Art. 9 of EU Regulation no. 2016/679 ie:

- health data in support of people with special needs;
- data on citizenship, international protection or other temporary status (refugee, asylum seeker, holder of subsidiary protection, special cases, special protection);

e) Providing data

Students must provide the requested data in their application for the UNICORE $5.0 - a.y.\ 2023/2024-2024/2025$ call in order to submit their applications and be assessed. Failure to do so will mean the student cannot be admitted to the aforementioned fund programme and the related procedure will not be complete.

f) Processing methods

Processing personal data methods include manual, computerized and online tools which are suitable to ensure the data's security and confidentiality.

The data is processed internally by authorized University staff working under the Data Owner's responsibility who have received suitable training for this purpose.

g) External third party processing



The data could also be shared with and processed externally by third parties who are providers of certain services necessary during processing, acting on behalf of the Data Owner and for the sole purpose of providing support. They are duly appointed "Data processors" in accordance with Art. 28 of EU Regulation 2016/679.

h) Categories of recipients of personal data

In compliance with current legislation, personal data will be shared with the following categories of recipients:

- 1) Ministry of Education, University and Research MUR
- 2) National registry of students and graduates;
- 3) Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Embassies, Prefectures, Police, regarding the recognition of certain statuses;
- 4) Public Prosecutor's Office, State Attorney's Office for the management of litigation and disciplinary proceedings;
- 5) Certifying bodies regarding replacement declarations (DPR. No. 445/200);
- 6) Public and private bodies and others that manage research funding and/or scholarships or that promote studies and research, projects for university development;
- 7) Regional Body for the Right to University Study (Piedmont) EDISU which manages services for the right to study (scholarships, residences, canteens);
- 8) Intesa Sanpaolo University partner bank that collects tuition fees and pays scholarships;
- 9) Interuniversity Consortium for Automatic Calculation CINECA, for competition procedures (applications for bonuses and scholarships), management and maintenance of student related applications;
- 10) Alma Laurea Interuniversity Consortium, for surveys on graduate profiles and employment status;
- 11) Insurance companies for accident policies, civil liability;
- 12) Public or private organizations for employment, cultural, recreational and sporting purposes;
- 13) Health Agencies for courses providing access to health and hospital facilities.
- 14) bodies and organisations external to university staff supporting university services for the achievement of the established goals;

This data will be shared with or at least accessible to teaching and other staff working in the relevant University offices and, as Data Protection Officers and/or system administrators and/or authorised for processing, they will receive suitable training for this purpose from the Data Owner.

i) Data transfer to third countries

The University has third party suppliers which support it in its duties (above). For example, Google for Education is recognised as an appropriate guarantee measure. See the University website's Privacy



Section on Google's Privacy and Security policies. These services involve the transfer of personal data to a non-EU third country via Google's "cloud" solutions.

I) Data archiving periods

Personal data concerning a student's university profile (eg personal details, qualifications, intermediate and final exam results, eligibility status, notes, etc.) will be kept indefinitely so as to comply with independent requests for certification or assessment and in compliance with current legislation on archiving obligations. Contact details ie telephone number and personal e-mail are kept for the period necessary for the purposes the data was collected and after which the University will no longer use them.

m) Data rights

Interested parties (or data subjects) can exercise their rights concerning personal data (Art. 15-21 of EU Regulation 2016/679) where applicable, against the University of Turin by sending a request to internationalstudents@unito.it and putting "privacy rights" in the subject line.

n) Complaints

Interested parties should be aware that they have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority and contact the Guarantor Authority for the protection of personal data (see: www.garanteprivacy.it).

o) Profiling

The owner does not use automated processes aimed at profiling.