



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

Direzione Innovazione e Internazionalizzazione
Area Internazionalizzazione - Sezione Relazioni Internazionali e Cooperazione allo Sviluppo

This document in English is to be considered as a courtesy summary of the main provisions of the
CALL FOR AWARDING TWO "UNICORE 4.0" SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REFUGEES FROM NIGER, NIGERIA AND CAMEROON
APPLICATION DEADLINE: 29/04/2022
AT 13:00 CEST

ART.1 - Project objective

The UNICORE 4.0 project is designed to promote refugees' rights to higher education by creating university corridors from Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon to Italy.

UNICORE 4.0 is supported by a consortium of partners, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Caritas Italiana, Diaconia Valdese, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), the University of Turin (UNITO) and other Italian universities. See specification in the national protocol.

Art. 1.1 – Scholarship aims and duration

The University of Turin will award two cash and benefits scholarships over two years for students enrolled in the academic year 2022-2023 in one of the following University of Turin Master's degree courses:

[Area and global studies for international cooperation](#)

[Biotechnology for Neuroscience](#)

[Cellular and molecular biology](#)

[European legal studies](#)

[Material Sciences](#)

[Molecular Biotechnology](#)

Art. 1.2 Scholarship details

The scholarship includes:

- €10,000 annually (gross) for academic years 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 (University of Turin);
- Free housing at the Diaconia Valdese student residence once the student has enrolled. Should the student need to extend their residence at the end of their course, they can request up to another six months, but no later than 01 March 2025;
- a public transport season ticket in the city (Diaconia Valdese);
- €500 towards the purchase of a personal computer (Diaconia Valdese);
- Exemption from paying the single all-inclusive fees for the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 academic years. Students however will have to pay their first instalment which covers the regional right to university study tax and stamp duty, amounting to €156.00 per year. This is due together with payment for services requested by the student.

The student can also enjoy the following support:

- Reception, orientation, integration in university and social networks;
- Help in enrolling at the University;
- Italian course at local language school;
- Cultural and psychological support;
- Tutoring;



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- Personalised services for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders.

Scholarships in this Call are not compatible with other public and/or private institutions scholarships. If a candidate wins more than one scholarship, they must choose which one to accept.

ART. 2 - Admission requirements

Candidates must meet the following **requirements** by the time this Call expires or their application will not be valid:

- Residing in Niger, Nigeria or Cameroon and having obtained refugee status in the country of residence;
- Being [eligible for enrolment](#) for academic year 2022/2023 in one of the University of Turin's Master's degree courses (See Article 1);
- Having obtained a Bachelor's degree no earlier than 01/01/2017 and no later than 31/03/2022;
- Having a GPA (Grade Point Average) equal to or higher than 3.0, i.e. an average of at least 24/30 according to the Italian system. The Italian Ministry of Education's official formula (Annex 1) will be used to convert the average into the Italian system. If students do not provide their degree score, the transcript of records they submitted during their application will be used to make an evaluation;
- Meeting specific admission requirements for the course they selected (Annex 2);
- Having English language skills of or over level B2 ([CEFR](#)). Candidates can attach their language certifications to the application form: they will be evaluated by the Commission. Where needed by the specific Course requirements, students must enclose a level B2 or higher certificate with their application for assessment, eg: BEC Vantage, FCE Grade B and C, IELTS 5.5-6.5, TOEFL iBT 87-109, Trinity College ISE II;
- Not having previously been enrolled in a UNITO or UNICORE project partner university degree programme;
- Not being pre-enrolled on the University platform at another Italian university.

ART. 3 - Application deadline

Applications must be submitted **online** before 29 April 2022 (13:00 CEST).

Candidates must submit their application by using the application form available at the following link: <https://www.uniquet.unito.it/index.php/719984?lang=en> , by attaching:

- a) passport;
- b) copy of a valid Refugee Identity Card or other document certifying refugee status;
- c) copy of their foreign academic qualification (Bachelor's degree) and its [official transcript of records](#) which are accepted in Italian, English, French and Spanish. If they have been issued in other languages, students must provide an official translation in English or Italian.

PLEASE NOTE: If candidates do not have documentation proving their qualification, they can present either:

- i. [European Qualification Passport for Refugees](#) issued by the Council of Europe;
- ii. the outcome following the University of Turin's request for assessment of qualifications that it can activate for candidates without complete documentation¹;

¹ The procedure is activated following the interested party and International Area's explicit request and includes an interview with an enrolment officer and Degree Evaluation Committee members. The applicant will be asked about the



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- d) motivational letter in English;
- e) CV;
- f) English language level certification of B2 or higher (CEFR), if held.

Incomplete applications, those received after the deadline or by other means (e.g. email) will not be considered.

Art 4. - Selection procedure

There are two stages to the selection procedure:

1. Evaluating a qualification's suitability for enrolment in the selected course;
2. Scholarship award procedure.

Art. 4.1 – Evaluating a qualification's suitability for enrolment

Candidates must receive a **positive assessment of their qualification**, in order to be awarded the scholarship. This is based on the selected Course Commission's judgement regarding adequate personal skills and academic requirements.

The Committee could invite candidates to interview to assess their individual preparation.

The qualification evaluation outcomes will be available on the UNITO-UNICORE's webpage at the following link:

<https://en.unito.it/international-relations/international-cooperation/development-cooperation/unicore-university> .

Should a candidate not obtain a positive assessment and not be admitted to the Course, they are automatically excluded from taking part in this Call's selection process and winning a scholarship.

Art. 4.2 - Scholarship award procedure: award criteria and eligible candidate list

The University Selection Committee is specifically appointed to award scholarships by evaluating candidates who have been granted eligibility for enrolment in their selected degree course (Point 4.1).

Applications will be selected on the basis of qualifications and interviews.

The Selection Committee can award a total of 80 points - 50 for qualifications and 30 for interviews – based on the list in Annex 3.

The top ten candidates with a minimum score of 25 for their qualifications will be invited to interview.

Interviews will be online and successful candidates will receive an email with further details.

Applicants with a minimum score of 40 points will be considered eligible.

If the candidate does not have a language certificate, the Commission could test the English or other language skills during the interview which the candidate declared to possess in their CV.

A final eligible student list will be drawn up after the interviews, taking into account the **results of the qualifications assessment and interview**.

The scholarship will be awarded to the youngest applicant if there is a tie.

study programme contents and learning outcomes, information about the material used and exams. The applicant will also provide information about their home university's study method and projects undertaken there.



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Information on selection results and scholarship awards will be published on the University portal at <https://en.unito.it/international-relations/international-cooperation/development-cooperation/unicore-university> , from 10 June 2022.

ART. 5 - Accepting the scholarship

The International Area will notify successful candidates personally by indicating procedures and timeframe available for them to accept their scholarship.

For applicants to be eligible, they must:

1. accept the scholarship;
2. complete the enrolment procedure for their selected course by paying the first instalment of fees, by the deadline given by the International Area as per Article 1;
3. declare that they are not beneficiaries of any other scholarship, as per Article 1;
4. obtain a study visa by the enrolment deadline for the Master's degree programmes.

Should the winners reject their enrolment in the course or fail to meet one of the conditions listed, they will lose their right to the scholarship. Any unallocated scholarships can be reallocated to the next candidates in the eligible student list until both available scholarship have been used up.

Art. 6 Scoring and allocation of available places

Winners can decline benefits by sending an email to internationalpartnerships@unito.it .

Should one of the winners decline benefits by 15 July 2022, the University will update the eligible candidate list resulting in some candidates moving into a more favourable position.

If there are vacancies once the eligible candidate list has been updated, the University of Turin reserves the right to search a suitable candidate from project partner university lists. Selected candidates must meet University of Turin Master's degree courses specific requirements.

ART. 7 – Scholarship terms and conditions

The UNICORE 4.0 scholarship will be paid by bank transfer in four instalments to an Italian bank account. The first instalment will only be paid to winners once they have:

1. completed enrolment at the University of Turin by the deadline set by the International Area;
2. arrived in Italy;
3. opened a current account in Italy with an Italian bank or prepaid card with an IBAN registered or co-registered in the winner's name;
4. accepted the scholarship contract where successful candidates accept scholarship terms and conditions and confirm they do not fall under any of the incompatibility conditions as per Article 1 of this Call for application;
5. provided the financial documents necessary for the scholarship which the International Area provides.



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The subsequent instalments will be paid only after the achievement of the required credits according to the timeline outlined below:

Instalment no.	Deadline to achieve the required credits	Minimum credits required:
2nd instalment	31 March 2023	9 credits
3rd instalment	30 September 2023	36 credits
4th instalment	31 March 2024	72 credits

The instalments will be paid as soon as the credits will be registered, considering the time required to complete the related administrative procedures, too.

ART. 8 – Repaying the scholarship

Students who decide to transfer to another university or withdraw from their studies must repay 50% of the scholarship received.

Particular cases must be duly justified before being assessed by the relevant University Commission.

ART. 9 - 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 II "Privacy Policy", as per Article 13 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation 679/2016.

ART. 10 - Settling 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. 11 - Final provisions

The person in charge of the procedure is Mr Andrea Silvestri, acting Director of the Innovation and International Directorate. For information, please contact: internationalpartnerships@unito.it.

The *Interim* Director
Andrea Silvestri

digitally signed as per legislative decree 82/2005



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Annex 1: Ministerial formula for converting scores



Il Ministro dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca

Allegato 5 – Tabella di conversione dei Titoli stranieri

Valutazione esami

I candidati che hanno conseguito esami di laurea in una Università straniera hanno a disposizione sul sito <http://www.university.it/> un sistema di conversione dei voti ottenuti sulla base della seguente formula:

$$\text{Voto} = \frac{V - V_{\min}}{V_{\max} - V_{\min}} * (I_{\max} - I_{\min}) + I_{\min}$$

V= Voto da convertire

V_{min}=Voto minimo per la sufficienza nell'Università di provenienza

V_{max}= Voto massimo nell'Università di provenienza

I_{min}= Voto minimo per la sufficienza nelle Università Italiane (= 18/30)

I_{max}= Voto massimo nelle Università Italiane (=30/30)

Per le valutazioni su scala qualitativa si fa riferimento alla seguente scala di conversione:

Valutazione da convertire	Voto
A	30
B	28
C	26
D	23
E	18

Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research

Annex 5 - Conversion table for foreign qualifications

Evaluating exam grades

Candidates with a foreign University issued qualification can use the conversion system on the website www.university.it which is obtained with the following mathematical formula:

GRADE: $G - G_{\min} / G_{\max} - G_{\min} * (I_{\max} - I_{\min}) + I_{\min}$

Where:

G: grade to be converted

G_{min}: Minimal pass grade in foreign grading system

G_{max}: Maximum grade in foreign grading system

I_{min}: Minimum pass grade for Italian grading system (18/30)

I_{max}: Maximum grade in Italian grading system (30/30)

This table is used for qualitative grades:

A = 30

B = 28

C = 26

D = 23

E = 18



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Annex 2: Admission requirements for courses

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Annex 3: Criteria for selecting candidates: scoring grid

The qualification assessment (max 50 points) and interview (max 30 points) results in a maximum score of 80/80 , as for the following scheme:

	Criteria	Maximum score
QUALIFICATIONS	a. CV	35
	b. Certified language skills related to the language used in the course - no knowledge: 0 points - B1 - B2: 3 points - C1-C2: 5 points	5
	c. Reasons given in cover letter	10
TOTAL SCORE OF QUALIFICATIONS		50
INTERVIEW		30
TOTAL (Qualifications + interview)		80