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Internationalization Area - International Students Office

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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 3 SCHOLARSHIPS
“UNICORE 8.0 - academic years 2026/2027 and 2027/2028”
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WHO ARE REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH,
BURKINA FASO, CAMEROON, ETHIOPIA, INDIA, KENYA, MOZAMBIQUE,
NIGER, NIGERIA, SOUTH AFRICA, UGANDA, ZAMBIA, AND ZIMBABWE.**

Executive Decree

*Registration number and date are listed in the metadata of the Titulus electronic protocol system

Deadline for submission
of applications:
**April 17, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. UTC+2
(12 noon, Italian time)**

ART.1 - Project objective

The objective of the UNICORE 8.0 (University Corridors for Refugees) project is to promote the right to higher education for refugees through the creation of university corridors from **Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.**

UNICORE 8.0 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.

The actions of UNITO are undertaken in full compliance with the University's Code of Ethics, which is grounded in the principles of responsibility, independence, dignity, and respect for others.

ART. 1.1 - Purpose and duration of the scholarship

The University of Turin is offering three two-year scholarships, consisting of financial support and services, for students enrolling in the 2026/2027 academic year in one of the following open-access Master's degree programs taught in English or offering a curriculum in English:

Courses taught in English

- [Area and Global Studies for International Cooperation](#), Department of Cultures, Politics and



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Society

- [Artificial Intelligence for Biomedicine and Healthcare](#), Department of Oncology
- [Artificial Intelligence and High Performance Computing Technologies](#), Department of Computer Science
- [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
- [Economics](#), Department of Economics, Social Studies, Applied Mathematics and Statistics
- [Geography and Territorial Sciences](#) Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and Planning
- [European Legal Studies](#), Department of Law
- [Language technologies and digital humanities](#), Department of Humanities
- [Materials Science](#) Department of Chemistry
- [Quantitative finance and insurance](#), Department of Economics, Social Studies, Applied Mathematics and Statistics

Corsi con un curriculum in lingua inglese

- Philosophy ([Philosophy](#) curriculum in English), Department of Philosophy and Education Sciences
- [Animal Sciences](#) (Animal nutrition and Feed Safety - curriculum in English - university campus in Grugliasco, about 6 miles (10 km) from Turin, accessible by public transport), Department of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences
- [Viticulture and Enology](#) (International curriculum in English - university campus in Asti, about 37 miles (60 km) from Turin, accessible by train), Department of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences
- [Agricultural Sciences](#) (Smart agriculture - curriculum in English - university campus in Grugliasco, about 6 miles (10 km) from Turin, accessible by public transport), Department of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences

ART.1.2 Composition of the scholarship

The scholarship awarded by the University of Turin includes:

- a cash benefit of € 7.000 (gross), per year for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 academic years;
- exemption from payment of all university enrollment fees for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 academic years, with the exception of the first installment of the student contribution, corresponding to the regional tax for the right to study and the stamp duty, in accordance with the Fees and Contributions Regulations in force at the time of enrollment and subject to approval by the competent UNITO academic bodies;
- accommodation in facilities identified by the University; if the accommodation service requires an additional contribution, the scholarship will be supplemented by the



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- corresponding amount;
- reception, orientation, integration, and support within the university and the wider social context;
 - assisted procedures for enrollment at the University;
 - cultural mediation and psychological support services;
 - academic tutoring;
 - support services for completing the paperwork required for residence permit applications;
 - personalized support services for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders;
 - an Italian language course.

The following support services are also available:

provided by the Pastoral Union for Migrants (UPM)

- a space for listening, information, guidance, and support in accessing local services, with particular reference to healthcare services provided by the voluntary associations with which it collaborates in a network;
- social inclusion of project beneficiaries through social and cultural activities;
- educational support and Italian language courses provided by volunteers with appropriate skills and professional expertise;
- monthly food parcels;
- accompaniment of students to their accommodation.

Provided by Camminare Insieme

- pending registration with the National Health Service, free healthcare, including specialist and pharmaceutical services, at its own clinic;
- guidance and support for registration with the National Health Service and access to specific specialist care, where necessary;
- subject to availability, a linguistic and cultural mediation service;
- management of any health-related issues, including through personalized programs integrated with local services;
- joint management of particularly vulnerable and urgent situations in order to develop appropriate responses to students' needs and ensure that they are taken into care by public services

provided by the Synodal Commission for Diaconia

- payment of a one-off amount of €100 upon arrival in Italy to cover basic necessities;
- purchase of bedding, crockery, and cleaning products, if the accommodation provided does not already include them;
- coverage of administrative costs for submitting an application for a residence permit for study purposes and for subsequent renewals (up to a maximum of two renewals);
- coverage of the cost of taking out a health insurance policy for 24 months, extendable to 30



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- months if necessary;
- payment of the regional tax for the right to study and the related stamp duty for the first and second years of the Master's degree;
 - purchase of a phone SIM card and payment of the first month's plan;
 - purchase of a public transport pass for the period prior to the disbursement of the scholarship, for a maximum of two months;
 - assistance with administrative procedures and access to local services;
 - guidance on extracurricular activities and support for social inclusion.

The scholarships offered under this call for applications are not compatible with any scholarships awarded by other public and/or private institutions.

ART. 2 - Admission requirements

Applicants who meet the following **requirements** by the deadline of this call for applications may apply, under penalty of exclusion:

1. residence in Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, or Zimbabwe;
2. refugee status recognized in these countries in collaboration with UNHCR;
3. [a qualification suitable for enrollment](#) in the 2026/2027 academic year in one of the open-access master's degree courses at the University of Turin referred to in Art. 1.1, obtained no earlier than January 1, 2021, and no later than April 17, 2026;
4. a GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 or higher, or an average grade of at least 24/30 under the Italian system. The official conversion formula of the Italian Ministry of Education, available on the website <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/admission-criteria>, will be used to convert the average grade into the Italian system;
5. the specific admission requirements for the selected course of study, to be verified on the relevant website;
6. must NEVER have been enrolled in a degree program at UNITO or at another university participating in the UNICORE project;
7. English language proficiency at or above CEFR level B2. Students holding a language certificate at level B2 or higher must attach it to their application, as it will be taken into consideration. Language proficiency may also be certified by attaching an English language certificate to the application, for example: Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE); PTE Academic; IELTS (minimum score: 5.5 out of 9); TOEFL iBT; Trinity College ISE II;
8. must NOT be pre-enrolled on the [Universitaly](#) platform at another Italian university.

ART. 3 - Submission of applications



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Applications must be submitted **by April 17, 2026 (12:00 noon, UTC+2 - Italian time)** exclusively through the online procedure published on the website <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/>, attaching:

- a) a copy of a valid Refugee Identity Card or Proof of Registration;
- b) the original foreign academic qualification (bachelor's degree) and official study plan (*transcript of records*), stamped and signed by the foreign academic institution, together with an official translation into English or Italian if the documents have not already been issued in Italian, English, French, or Spanish;
- c) a motivation letter in English;
- d) curriculum vitae;
- e) any certification of English language proficiency, equivalent to at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), **if available**.

The submission of fraudulent academic documents is a criminal offense. All documents submitted by candidates will be carefully verified by the Selection Committee. The attached documentation must be legible and in PDF format; otherwise, it will be excluded from the selection process. Once the application has been submitted, it will no longer be possible to modify it.

Incomplete applications, applications received after the deadline or sent by email, and multiple applications submitted from different email addresses will not be considered.

ART. 4. - Procedures for admission to the course and awarding of UNICORE scholarships

Applications received will be assessed on the basis of compliance with the admission requirements for the selection process.

Only eligible applications will proceed to the next stages of the selection process:

1. Admission to the 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 admission to the degree program of interest;
- assessment of the suitability of the qualification and of the candidate for enrollment in the degree program of interest, carried out by the Degree Program Foreign Qualification Assessment Committees (hereinafter referred to as the CdS Committee).

The CdS Committee may request an online interview with the candidate to assess their academic



preparation.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to be awarded the scholarship, **the qualification must have been assessed as suitable for enrollment in an open-access master's degree program (Art. 1.1)**, on the basis of the assessment by the International Students Office and the outcome provided by the selected CdS Committee regarding the candidate's academic preparation and possession of the curricular requirements of the chosen degree program.

Ineligibility for admission to the degree program automatically entails exclusion from the selection process covered by this call for applications.

ART. 4.2 - Awarding of UNICORE scholarships

Only candidates eligible for admission to the chosen degree program will be eligible for the selection process for the awarding of scholarships. The selection will be carried out by a dedicated Selection Committee for the awarding of scholarships.

The Selection Committee will evaluate candidates and award the following scores:

1. Requirements set out in the call for applications
 - Academic background and GPA (**score: 0-20 points**);
 - Evaluation of CV: professional experience and skills (**score: 0-10 points**);
 - Consistency between previous studies and the chosen open-access master's degree program (**score: 0-10 points**).

Following the assignment of scores, the **top 10 candidates with a score of 25/40 or higher** will be admitted to the interview.

Candidates admitted to the interview will receive an email from the International Students Office with details of the date, time, and platform on which the interview will take place.

Admission to the interviews is subject to positive verification of the student's refugee status by UNHCR on site.

Candidates must attend the online interview with the Ration Card Number or Refugee Identity Card submitted during the application phase.

2. Outcome of the online interview (the Selection Committee will assess the candidate's technical and academic skills and knowledge of English): (**score: 0-40**)

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

In the absence of language certification, during the interview, the Selection Committee will verify the candidate's knowledge of English and any other language skills declared by the candidate in



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their curriculum vitae.

ART. 5 - Ranking

At the end of the interviews, a **ranking** will be drawn up based on the assessment results. In the event of a tie in the overall score, priority in the awarding of the scholarship will be given to female candidates and younger candidates.

Starting 22 June, 2026, information regarding the results of the selection process and the awarding of scholarships will be published on the University website at: <https://www.unito.it/internazionalita/studenti-e-ospiti-internazionali/studenti-internazionali/borse-studenti>
<https://en.unito.it/studying-unito/scholarships-international-students>

ART. 6 - Acceptance of the scholarship

The selected candidates will receive a communication from the International Students Office indicating the procedure and deadline for accepting the scholarship.

In order to receive the scholarship, candidates are required to:

1. accept the scholarship by **10 July, 2026**, by sending the letter of acceptance provided by the International Students Office (signed and dated);
2. submit their university pre-enrollment application on the University platform by the deadlines set by the International Students Office;
3. complete the enrollment procedure for their chosen course by paying the first installment of the student contribution referred to in Article 1 by the deadline indicated by the International Students Office;
4. obtain the appropriate visa for enrollment, arrive in Italy, and be in possession of the receipt confirming their application for a residence permit for study purposes by the enrollment deadline for Master's Degree programs for the academic year 2025-2026;
5. declare that they are not receiving any other scholarships, as referred to in Article 1;

The scholarships offered under this call for applications cannot be combined with any scholarships awarded by other Italian public and/or private institutions.

If a candidate is awarded more than one scholarship, they must promptly inform the International Students Office at unicore@unito.it and choose which scholarship to accept.

NOTE. To complete their enrollment, selected candidates must submit the following documentation:

- a) travel document or passport;



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- b) a copy of a valid Refugee Identity Card or other document certifying refugee status;
- c) a visa suitable for enrollment;
- d) Italian tax code;
- e) receipt of application for an Italian residence permit for study purposes (a residence permit for asylum seekers in Italy does not allow enrollment at UniTo);
- f) the original foreign academic qualification (bachelor's degree) and the related official study plan (transcript of records), stamped and signed by the foreign academic institution and legalized by the consulate/apostille/ENIC-NARIC verification certificate, together with translations into Italian or English if not already issued in English, French, Spanish, or Italian.

If the selected candidates withdraw from enrollment in the study program or fail to meet any of the conditions listed above, they will lose their right to the scholarship.

ART. 7 - Ranking list progression

Selected candidates may renounce their scholarship by sending an email to unicore@unito.it by **10 July 2026**.

Any unassigned scholarships may be reallocated to candidates on the ranking list, until the list is exhausted.

ART. 8 - Scholarship payment methods

ART. 8.1 The **UNICORE 8.0 scholarship** will be paid in four installments by bank transfer to an Italian bank account held in the winner's name or jointly held by the winner.

The **first installment (3000€)** will be paid to the winners only after:

- they have entered Italy with a visa suitable for enrollment and submitted the receipt confirming their application for the relevant residence permit for study purposes;
- they have completed enrollment at the University of Turin by the deadline indicated by the International Students Office;
- they have opened a bank account in Italy with an IBAN in the winner's name or jointly held by the winner;
- they have signed the financial agreement for the award of the scholarship (under which the winner undertakes to accept the terms and conditions relating to the scholarship and confirms that they do not fall under any of the incompatibility conditions established by Article 1 of this call for applications);
- they have submitted the financial documents required for the disbursement of the scholarship, which will be provided by the International Students Office.

Subsequent installments will only be disbursed if the requirements are met.



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Summary table of payments:

installment	amount	month of payment	requirements
1	3000€ gross	November/December 2026	enrollment in the 2026-2027 academic year
2	4000 € gross	August/September 2027	at least two first-year exams listed in the learning agreement by July 31, 2027*
3	3000 € gross	March 2028	renewal of enrollment in the 2nd academic year of the chosen course and at least four 1st-year exams listed in the learning agreement by February 29, 2028*
4	4000 € gross	October 2028	at least** all 1st-year exams by September 30, 2028 *

* **Any credits resulting from career shortcuts will not be considered when calculating ECTS credits.**

** The student must graduate by the last available session of their cohort, i.e. March-April 2029. Enrollment in additional years will not extend the benefits of the scholarship.

The following will **not** be taken into account when assessing the student's academic record:

- any exams recognized as a result of possible career shortcuts¹;
- individual exam modules (only exams passed in full will be considered valid);
- exams not specified in the learning agreement and/or without a grade out of 30;

Any duly justified cases may be evaluated by the Selection Committee.

ART. 8.2 The payment of the second year of the scholarship benefit (3rd and 4th installments) is subject to the regular payment of the enrollment fee for the 2nd year of the course of study by the deadline set out in the current Fees and Contributions Regulations, and to continued compliance with the stated requirements.

ART. 9 - Loss of benefits

Students who choose to discontinue their studies, change degree programmes within UniTO, or transfer to another university automatically forfeit their entitlement to all benefits provided under this call for applications.

¹ If any exams recognized for the purpose of shortening the course of study correspond to one or more exams included in the learning agreement, the student is still required to pass at least one additional exam in order to receive the second installment of the scholarship, and at least two additional exams in order to receive the third installment.



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ART. 10 - Data processing and right of access

Pursuant to Art. 13 of GDPR 2016/679 on the processing of personal data, the University of Turin will act in accordance with the provisions of Annex 1, Privacy Policy.

ART. 11- Dispute resolution

This call for applications has been translated into English for information purposes only. For the purposes of application and the resolution of any dispute, and for all legal purposes, only the Italian version shall be valid.

ART. 12 - Final provisions

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

The Director

Dr Elisa Rosso

digitally signed in accordance with Legislative Decree 82/2005



ANNEX 1

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

The University of Turin hereby informs you that the personal data of candidates applying for the 3 “UNICORE 8.0 for international students - academic years 2026/2027 - 2027/2028” scholarships, acquired through the application form or through any subsequent specific means of collection, will be processed for the purposes of carrying out its institutional teaching and research activities, in compliance with the general principles of lawfulness, fairness, transparency, purpose limitation, storage limitation, data minimisation, accuracy, integrity, confidentiality, and accountability, as well as with the Personal Data Protection Code and the University regulations implementing that code and governing sensitive and judicial data (available on the website www.unito.it, under “Statute and Regulations” and “Regulations: procedures”).

Pursuant to Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (hereinafter, the GDPR), and in accordance with the principle of transparency, the following information is provided in order to make students aware of the nature and methods of the data processing:

a) Data Controller and contact details

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

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

The Data Protection Officer (DPO) of the University of Turin may be contacted at the following email address: rp@unito.it.

c) Purposes 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 the exercise of official authority, pursuant to Article 6(1)(e) of EU Regulation 2016/679, for the following purposes:

- 1) provision of grants, scholarships, study awards, and other services related to the right to university education;
- 2) management of the student’s academic career (from enrolment to graduation), the sending of related communications, and the storage and archiving of all related documents;
- 3) management of curricular and extracurricular internships;
- 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 services for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders;



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- 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 No. 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 processing purposes indicated above and in specific circumstances, pursuant to Article 10 of the GDPR, particular categories of personal data may be collected and processed, including data relating to criminal convictions and offences or related security measures.

d) Types of data processed

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

- personal details;
- contact details;
- data relating to the university career.

For the purposes indicated above, the Data Controller collects and processes special categories of personal data pursuant to Article 9 of EU Regulation No. 2016/679, namely:

- data relating to health, in connection with support measures for persons with special needs;
- data relating to nationality, status as a 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 “UNICORE 8.0” scholarships for the academic years 2026/2027 - 2027/2028. Failure to provide such data will result in non-admission to the aforementioned call for applications and the inability to complete the relevant procedure.

f) Methods of processing

Personal data will be processed using manual, computerised, and telematic tools suitable for ensuring the security and confidentiality of the data.

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

g) External Data Processors

The data may also be disclosed to and processed externally by third parties that provide certain services necessary for the processing, acting on behalf of the Data Controller solely for the purpose of providing the requested service, and duly appointed as “Data Processors” in accordance with Article 28 of EU Regulation 2016/679.



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h) Categories of recipients of personal data

In compliance with current regulations, personal data will be disclosed to the following categories of recipients:

- 1) Ministry of University and Research - MUR;
- 2) National Registry of Students and Graduates;
- 3) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Embassies, Prefectures, and Police Headquarters, in relation to the recognition of particular statuses;
- 4) Public Prosecutor's Office and State Attorney's Office, for the management of litigation and disciplinary proceedings;
- 5) Certifying administrations, when verifying substitute declarations made pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445/2000;
- 6) Public and private bodies and entities that manage the disbursement of research grants and/or scholarships, or that promote studies and research and projects for university development;
- 7) Regional Authority for the Right to University Education of Piedmont, which manages services relating to the right to education (scholarships, residences, canteens);
- 8) Intesa Sanpaolo - the banking institution which, as the University's cashier, manages the procedures for collecting university fees and contributions and for paying scholarships;
- 9) Interuniversity Consortium for Automatic Computing - CINECA, for the management and maintenance of applications relating to student careers;
- 10) AlmaLaurea Interuniversity Consortium, for surveys on the profile and employment status of graduates;
- 11) Insurance companies, for accident and civil liability claims;
- 12) External public or private entities for employment, cultural, recreational, and sports purposes;
- 13) External bodies and associations operating within the University for the achievement of the purposes set out in the relevant assignments.

The data processed for the above purposes will be disclosed to, or in any case be accessible by, teaching staff, employees, or collaborators assigned to the relevant University offices who, in their capacity as privacy officers and/or system administrators and/or persons authorised to process data, will be adequately trained for this purpose by the Data Controller.

i) Transfer of data to third countries

In order to pursue some of the institutional purposes mentioned above, the University uses suppliers appointed as External Data Processors, including Google services for the education sector, for which adequate safeguards have been adopted (for further information, see the Google Privacy and Security section referred to in the Privacy section of the University Portal); these services involve the transfer of personal data to countries outside the European Union (the so-called "cloud" solutions of Google LLC).

l) Data retention period



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

Contact details (telephone number, personal email address) will be retained for the period necessary to achieve the purposes for which the data was collected and will not be used by the University thereafter.

m) Data subject rights

Data subjects (the individuals to whom the data relates) may, in the cases provided for, exercise their rights concerning their personal data pursuant to Articles 15-21 of EU Regulation 2016/679, where applicable, vis-à-vis the University of Turin by sending a specific request with the subject line: “*privacy rights*” to the following email address: unicore@unito.it.

n) Complaints

The data subject is informed that they have the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority and may contact the Italian Data Protection Authority (website: www.garanteprivacy.it)

o) Profiling

The Data Controller does not use automated processes for profiling purposes.