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**University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 3.0 (Ethiopia 2021-2023)**

Call for admission for 3 scholarships for refugee students

admitted to second level degree courses in English at

University of Bari Aldo Moro

for the academic year 2021-2022

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS**

from the date of publication of this call until April 1, 2021

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**ART.1 Objectives, object and terms**

The overall objective of the project **University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 3.0 (Ethiopia 2021-23)** is to promote the right to higher education of refugees through the creation of educational corridors from Ethiopia to Italy. The Project is sponsored by a consortium of partners:

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Caritas Italiana

Diaconia Valdese

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)

Several Italian universities better specified in the Memorandum of Understanding.

The University's commitment has been formally sanctioned in the national Memorandum of Understanding signed by all partners in the initiative.

The beneficiaries of the Project are refugees residing in Ethiopia and admitted to one of the second level courses listed in Article 9.

Benefits will be awarded for the academic years 2021/2022 and 2022/2023. Merit requirements for scholarship retention and renewal are specified in Article 6.

**1.1 Local Partners**

The University of Bari Aldo Moro is supported in the Project by local partners.

## **1.2 Benefits**

The benefits that the winners will enjoy are as follows:

* Logistic and economic support for visa application, economic coverage for the purchase of travel tickets and pre-departure activities (Caritas Italiana and Gandhi Charity)
* Support to facilitate online interviews and to obtain the travel documents and other documentation necessary for entry into Italy for students selected by the universities; information to students on rights and duties related to the visa for study purposes and on the communication of the project; pre-departure cultural orientation of selected students, information on rights and duties, individual interviews for the knowledge of the socio-health situations of the beneficiaries (by UNHCR and Caritas Italiana)
* The University for Foreigners of Siena will offer 40 hours of linguistic assistance in Italian (synchronous distance learning) in the month of July/August 2021 (July 12 - August 6, 2021) to selected students who request it and are leaving for Italy. The activity is free of charge for the participants;
* Orientation and support to students in the admission and matriculation phase of the courses of study (at the expense of the University of Bari);
* Participation in meeting and knowledge spaces also within the events of BariSocialBook (by the Department of Welfare of the Municipality of Bari)
* Search for a supportive family for opportunities to meet and socialize (by the Department of Welfare of the Municipality of Bari)
* Scholarship to the value of € 5,000.00 per year (paid by the University of Bari). Payment will be made in two-monthly instalments (paid at the end of each two-month period)
* Exemption from university fees (paid by the University of Bari Aldo Moro)
* Canteen and accommodation services; enrolment in the National Health Service; purchase of PCs/books/teaching materials (if necessary), clothing, pocket money and other student integration activities (to be provided by CARITAS and other local partners)
* Gift cards/book vouchers and other reception and integration activities (by the MIGRANTESLIBERI Association)
* A mentoring/tutoring service and psychological support for the duration of the studies (by the University of Bari)
* Support from students and local student associations that will help the winners integrate into university life and assist them with any problems throughout their stay

# **ART.2 Incompatibility**

The UNICORE 3.0 scholarship is incompatible with:

- any type of merit-based or income-based scholarship or study award promoted by the University of Bari in favour of international students;

- scholarships offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);

- scholarships promoted by CRUI in favour of holders of international protection;

- scholarships aimed at international students and promoted by foreign governments or institutions on the basis of agreements with the University of Bari;

- scholarship for the right to study ADISU Puglia.

# **ART.3 Requirements for admission**

The call is open only to candidates who meet the following requirements:

1. be resident in Ethiopia and have been granted refugee status through the intervention of UNHCR

2. candidates must have obtained a valid qualification for admission to the chosen degree course.

3. the qualification must have been obtained in an institution of higher education accredited by the Ministry of Education of the country that issued the qualification, and must allow access to a bachelor's degree program in loco.

4. grade point average for the degree of at least 24/30. For the conversion of the average score from the foreign system to the Italian system, the Ministerial formula in Annex 2 of this call for applications will be used.

5. the qualification must not have been obtained before March 31, 2016.

6. be in possession of the specific requirements of the chosen second-level degree course.

7. have never previously been enrolled in a degree program at the University of Bari or any other partner of the initiative.

**ART.4 Selection criteria and documents required for application**

**Art.4.1 Selection criteria**

Students are selected on the basis of merit requirements.

The evaluation will be carried out by a commission of experts appointed by decree of the Rector.

**Art.4.2 Application documents**

Students must submit the following documents:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

1. A valid copy of the *Refugee Identity card* issued in agreement with UNHCR or of the *PoR Card*

2. Certificate attesting to the achievement of the qualification required for admission to the degree course

3. The list of exams passed including marks

4. Curriculum vitae - follow the format in Annex 1

5. Any other document required for admission to the chosen degree course

NON-MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

6. Motivational Letter (Maximum two pages in A4)

7. References from a supervisor or advisor

It is also strongly recommended that applicants record a short video-CV (using, for example, their cell phone) where they introduce themselves and explain their motivations. Some examples can be found using the Google search engine.

At this stage, translations of documents not in English or Italian may be done directly by the candidate.

**Art.4.3 Deadlines and submission methods**

Applications may be sent from the date of publication of this announcement, 12 noon (UTC+1) to April 1 at 12 noon (UTC+1).

Students should send applications, including all the documents listed above, to the following email address: sportello.cap@uniba.it, indicating in the subject CALL UNICORE 3.0.

Incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will not be considered.

Students are allowed to apply for only one degree course of the University of Bari chosen among those indicated in art. 9 below.

It is possible to apply for two universities in total, indicating an order of preference.

**Art.5 Selection process**

The selection process is divided into two phases:

- Phase 1: evaluation of documentation

- Phase 2: online interview

**Art.5.1 Phase 1: Evaluation of documentation**

The committee will evaluate the documentation received using the following criteria:

- Academic Background and GPA (score: 0-15)

- Curriculum Vitae (score: 0-15)

- Consistency between the course of study and the degree program chosen for admission (score: 0-10)

At the end of the first session of evaluation of qualifications, a merit list will be drawn up and only the first 15 candidates will have access to the interview phase. In the event of a tie, the youngest candidate will take precedence.

The candidates admitted to the second phase will be notified by e-mail by April 30, 2021, the partial ranking will be published on the site www.uniba.it on the page dedicated to the initiative.

**Art.5.2 Phase 2: Online interview**

All candidates admitted to phase two will be required to undergo an interview with the Selection Committee. During the interview will be evaluated technical and educational skills and mastery of the English language.

The maximum score awarded will be 40 points.

Interviews will be scheduled beginning May 24 and will be conducted online.

The day and time of the interview will be notified via email directly to candidates, as well as being published on the site www.uniba.it on the page dedicated to the initiative.

During the interview candidates will be asked to show the *Refugee Identity Card* or the *PoR Card* indicated during the admission phase.

**Art.5.3 Formulation and approval of the final ranking list**

Candidates who at the end of the two phases have obtained a score lower than 50/80 will not be considered eligible.

The merit list will be drawn up by the Commission by adding the partial results obtained in the two phases of selection and will then be approved by Rectoral Decree.

The candidates will be listed in descending order of score.

In order to guarantee equal access opportunities, two separate rankings will be drawn up based on the gender of the candidates. In case there are no suitable candidates for each gender, the scholarship will be assigned to candidates of the same gender.

In case of equal score, the youngest candidate will take precedence.

The winners will be notified by e-mail by June 25, 2021, and the final ranking will be published on the site www.uniba.it on the page dedicated to the initiative.

**Art.5.4 Acceptance**

Applicants must accept the scholarship by responding to the University's notice within 10 days of receiving the notice. Failure to respond will constitute automatic renunciation of the scholarship.

By accepting the scholarship, the candidate approves without reservation the benefits offered by the UNICORE 3.0 Project under the conditions indicated in this announcement of admission. The candidate also declares under his/her own responsibility that he/she does not fall into any of the incompatibility conditions listed in article 2 of this announcement.

**Art.5.5 Scrolling of the ranking list and assignment of available positions**

In the case in which one or more winners renounce the scholarship by July 10, 2021, the University will proceed with the scrolling of the ranking of the renounced candidate, assigning the scholarship to the next eligible candidate.

If at the end of the scrolling of the ranking list there are vacancies, the University of Bari Aldo Moro reserves the right, by July 20, 2021, to search for a suitable candidate within the ranking of the Universities partners in the project. The candidates identified, on the basis of merit and where possible on the basis of gender, must meet the specific requirements of the degree courses at the University of Bari.

**ART.6 Renewal**

**Art.6.1 Renewal Requirements**

In order to be eligible for renewal of the scholarship, students must achieve at least 30 university credits (CFU) by August 10, 2022. In the case that the study plan for the first year of the degree program in which the student is enrolled provides for less than 60 credits, the renewal requirement will be calculated on the basis of half of the credits provided for the first year.

Students must earn at least 60 undergraduate credits (CFUs) by August 10, 2023, to be eligible for continued benefits.

Students must graduate by the last available session of their cohort, which is April 2024.

**Art.6.2 Further Renewals**

Students who anticipate failing to graduate by April 2024 may apply for an additional 6-month renewal. Renewal may be granted provided that at least 80 college credits (CFU) have been earned as of March 31, 2024.

**ART.7 Renunciation**

Students who renounce their studies will automatically lose all benefits.

**ART.8 Processing of personal data**

Personal data will be processed in accordance with the policy of protection of personal data of the University of Bari Aldo Moro available at the link: https://www.uniba.it/ateneo/privacy and in accordance with the current

University Regulations on the protection of personal data available at the following link:

https://www.uniba.it/ateneo/bollettino-ufficiale/Regolamento\_protezione\_dati\_dr1587\_13032019.pdf

and in accordance with the UNHCR Personal Data Protection Regulations, available at the link: https://www.refworld.org/docid/55643c1d4.html and its regulation: https://www.refworld.org/docid/5b360f4d4.html

The administration reserves the right to verify the correctness of the declared data as indicated in Article 76 of DPR 445/2000. In case of false declarations, the candidate will lose the right to participation in the call and/or the benefits assigned.

**Art.9 List of second-level courses taught in English at the University of Bari Aldo Moro participating in the call for applications**

By clicking on the name of the program you can access all the information about the course

**Master Degree Course PHYSICS**

<https://cdlfbari.cloud.ba.infn.it/en/corsi-di-laurea/nuova-magistrale-lm17-physics/>

**Master Degree Course COMPUTER SCIENCE**

<https://www.uniba.it/ricerca/dipartimenti/informatica/didattica/corsi-di-laurea/computer-science/Regolamento_MAG_ComputerScience20202021_DEFINITIVO.pdf>

**Master Degree Course in Innovation Development in Agrifood Systems (CLM IDEAS)**

<https://www.uniba.it/ricerca/dipartimenti/disspa/english/courses/clm-ideas>

**Art. 10. Person in charge of the procedure**

The person in charge of the procedure, pursuant to Law no. 241 of August 7, 1990, is Dr. Francesca Falsetti, Technical Director of the Centro per l’Apprendimento Permanente (Center for Lifelong Learning), who may be contacted by e-mail at the following address: sportello.cap@uniba.it