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**University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 5.0 (Kenya, Niger, Nigeria,
Sudafrica, Uganda, Zambia e Zimbabwe)**

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 years 2023-2024/2024-2025

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

from the date of publication of this call until 19.05.2023

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ART.1 Objectives, object and terms

The overall objective of the project **University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 5.0 (Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Sudafrica, Uganda, Zambia e Zimbabwe)** is to promote the right to higher education of refugees through the creation of educational corridors 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 National Memorandum of Understanding.

The University's commitment will be formally sanctioned in the National Memorandum of Understanding signed by all partners.

The beneficiaries of the Project are refugees residing in Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Sudafrica, Uganda, Zambia e Zimbabwe and admitted to one of the second level courses listed in Article 9.

Grants will be awarded for the academic years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025. 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 Universities for Foreigners of Siena and of Perugia will offer online Italian language courses in the month of July/August 2023 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);
- 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)
- Meals 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 UFFICIO MIGRANTES DIOCESANO)
- A mentoring/tutoring service and psychological support for the duration of the studies (by the University of Bari)

- Support from students involved in the MENTORSHIP PROJECT and local student associations that will help the grant holders integrate into university life and assist them with any problems throughout their stay.

ART.2 Incompatibility

The UNICORE 5.0 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 exclusively to candidates who meet the following requirements:

1. be resident in Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Sudafrica, Uganda, Zambia e Zimbabwe and have been recognized refugee status in these countries through the intervention of UNHCR.
2. candidates must have obtained a valid qualification for admission to the chosen second cycle 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 master's degree program on site.
4. have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 according to the tertiary education grading system of the country of graduation (tbc) or equivalent according to the comparable table issued by the Italian Ministry of Education.
5. the qualification must have been obtained in or after 2018 and no later than May 19th 2023.

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.
8. have an English language proficiency level.

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 a Rector's Decree.

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 May 19th, 2023, at 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 5.0.

Incomplete or incorrectly completed applications will not be considered.

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

Students may apply to a maximum of two Italian Universities, 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 “**Ufficio Studenti Internazionali Uniba**”, the partial ranking will be published on the website <https://www.uniba.it/it/centri/cap/unicore/unicore-5.0> 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. Technical and educational skills as well as proficiency of the English language will be evaluated during the interview.

The maximum score awarded will be 40 points.

Interviews will be scheduled in June 2023 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 U.O. STUDENTI INTERNAZIONALI UNIBA and the final ranking will be published on the website 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 5.0 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, the University will proceed with the scrolling of the ranking of the renounced candidate, assigning the scholarship to the next eligible candidate.

In case of vacant seats due to lack of suitable candidates or withdrawal of the admitted candidate, the University of Bari Aldo Moro reserves the right to search for eligible candidates from ranking of other University partners. Eligible candidates from external rankings must meet the specific requirement of the programmes of the University of Bari Aldo Moro.

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 2024. 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 university credits (CFUs) by August 2025, to be eligible for continued benefits.

Students must graduate by the last available session of their cohort, which is April 2026.

Art.6.2 Further Renewals

Students who anticipate failing to graduate by April 2026 may apply for an additional 6-month renewal. Renewal may be granted provided that at least 80 university credits (CFU) have been earned as of March 31, 2026.

Art. 6.3 Italian courses

In addition to the degree course for which the student has obtained the grant, the student will be required to attend Italian courses offered by the University Language Centre. The student must obtain the following language certifications:

- Level A1 - by July 2024
- A2 level - by July 2025
- Level B1 - by February 2026

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's degree Course PHYSICS

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

Master's degree Course COMPUTER SCIENCE

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

Master's degree Course in Innovation Development in Agrifood Systems (CLM IDEAS)

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

Master's degree Course in International Relations and European Studies

(IMPORTANT: course of study delivered in Italian but exams can be conducted in English. In order to enrol in this course, students are requested to pass an Italian language examination)

<https://www.uniba.it/ricerca/dipartimenti/scienze-politiche/didattica/corsi-di-laurea/rise/lm-52>

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 Mrs. Silvana Mariel Sirico, Centro per l'Apprendimento Permanente (Center for Lifelong Learning), who may be contacted by e-mail at the following address: silvanamariel.sirico@uniba.it; sportello.cap@uniba.it, and Mrs. Orsola Castoro U.O. Studenti Internazionali Uniba orsola.castoro@uniba.it