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University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 5.0 (Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe 2023-2025)

Call for Applications for a study grant and the admission to the Master's Degree Programme

INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Reserved to applicant refugees residing in Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe Academic Year 2023/24

Applications must be sent to relint@unimore.it : 3 April to 19 May 2023

Art. 1 Purpose

The general purpose of the **University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 5.0** (Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe) project is to promote the right to higher education for refugees through study corridors towards Italy. In addition to the benefits described below, the winner of this selection will be entitled to enrol in the Master's Degree Programme in International Management, which is taught entirely in English, at the Department of Economics Marco Biagi of UNIMORE - <https://www.economia.unimore.it/site/home.html>

Art. 2 National Partners

The project was approved by the Board of Directors on 30 March 2023 and is promoted by a consortium of partners: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Italian Caritas, Diaconia Valdese, Centro Astalli, Gandhi Charity, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MAECI) and all the other Italian Universities acting upon the memorandum of understanding for the project, whose realisation and assignment of the benefit provided are subject to the signing of the above memorandum.

Art.3 Local Partners

ERGO -Azienda Regionale per il Diritto agli Studi Superiori (regional agency for the right to higher education) and other local partners (ManagerItalia, Approdi, Casa delle Donne, Comune di Modena) will support the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and contribute to the local development of the project. More details of the services offered by the partners may be found in their agreement letters to join the partnership, and provided for in art. 4.

Art.4 Benefits and supports offered

The beneficiary of the Unicore 5.0 project will receive specific economic aids and supports by UNIMORE and local partners, as listed in detail below:

- Study grant of EUR 590 per month, for an annual amount of EUR 7,081.00, financed by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, disbursed in instalments and subject to the student meeting the merit requirements;
- Exemption from university fees;
- Free accommodation;
- Reimbursement of the regional tax for the right to study at university;
- EUR 300, managed by the University, for expenses upon arrival (eg. Accommodation deposit);
- Social and Integration Meetings;
- PC on a free loan;
- Italian language course;
- Healthcare expenses;
- Public transport pass;
- Psychological assistance.

Art. 5 Incompatibility

The UNICORE 5.0 project cannot be used in conjunction with other study grants from public or private institutions, including the study grants given to international students by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as any other money contribution and/or provision of services with the same purposes. If awarded another study grant, the student may still choose the benefit provided for in this call of applications, entailing documented withdrawal from the other study grant.

Art. 6 Eligibility requirements

The selection is reserved to applicants meeting the following requirements:

1. they must reside in Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and have obtained the status of refugees in these countries;
2. they have obtained a university degree (Bachelor level) in the country of asylum or in the home country awarded by a university recognised by the Ministry of Education of the Country issuing the qualification and allowing for the admission to a local Master's Degree Programme
3. they have been awarded the Degree non earlier than 5 years as of the expiry date of the call for applications
4. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 according to the tertiary education grading system of the country of graduation or a grade point average (GPA) of at least 24/30 referred to the Italian System using the official conversion formula of the Italian Ministry of Education, as for annex 2
5. their knowledge of the English language is at least at level B1 (Common European Reference Framework).
6. they have never been enrolled in a degree programme at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia or any other project partner before;
7. they have a suitable knowledge of the following subjects: Business Administration, Marketing, Management, Economics, Statistics and Mathematics.

Art. 7 - Applications

Applicants must submit the following documents:

1. Application (annex 1) to this call for applications duly filled out in English
2. Copy of a valid *Refugee Identity Card* issued in collaboration with the UNHCR or *Proof of Registration Card*
3. University degree certificate (Bachelor level) indicating the examinations passed and relevant scores
4. Motivation letter
5. At least B1 English language certificate (Common European Reference Framework); if the skill level is not clearly inferable from the study programme or, alternatively, the language skills will be assessed in an interview.

All submitted documents must be in English or in French. Any document submitted in one other language must be supported by their English, French or Italian translation (eventually issued by an official translator).

Applications and all documents listed above must be sent by email only to relint@unimore.it by **19 May 2023** specifying "CALL UNICORE 5.0 - applicant's name and last name" in the object.

The applications not properly filled out and non including all documents required will not be accepted.

Students are recommended to apply for a maximum of 2 Italian universities among the participants to the Unicore 5.0. project, available at the link <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/> to have the opportunity to be reassigned to the second university.

Art.8 - Selection of applicants

The selection process based on merit requirements is entrusted to an examination board to be appointed by Rectoral Decree. The selection process includes two stages:

- Stage 1: documentation assessment (maximum score is 40 points)
- Stage 2: online interview (maximum score is 40 points)

8.1 Stage 1 - Documentation assessment

The examination board will assess the documentation received and check whether the applicant's qualification is suitable for the admission to the Master's Degree Programme in International Management. A score will be assigned to it based on the following criteria:

- curriculum assessment: professional expertise and skills (score: 0-15)
- academic background and GPA (score: 0-15)
- Personal motivation and consistency with previous studies and the Master's Degree Programme in International Management (score: 0-10)

Applicants obtaining a score lower than 25 points will not be admitted to stage 2 of the selection process. Applicants obtaining a score equal to or higher than 25 points will be admitted to stage 2 and will receive a notification email by 1 June 2023 with the invitation to take the interview.

8.2 Stage 2: Online interview

Applicants admitted to stage 2 will be interviewed by the examination board to verify their motivation, skills, and master of the English language.

The interview will be assessed on a 40 point scale. Applicants obtaining a score equal to or higher than 25 points will be eligible for the final ranking.

The interviews will be scheduled starting from 5 June 2023 and will be held online by 30 June 2023. Applicants will be communicated the date and time of the interview by email. At the online interview, applicants must show their *Refugee Identity Card* or *Proof of Registration Card*.

Art. 9 Ranking

The ranking of suitable applicants will be drawn up by the examination board and approved by Rectoral Decree, based on the sum of the scores obtained in stage 1 and stage 2. Applicants obtaining an overall score equal to or lower than 50/80 at the end of the two phases will not be deemed eligible.

The ranking will be published on the website <https://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-unicore.html> by 10 July 2023. The winner will also be notified by email.

The ranking will be drawn up without showing the applicants' names, as only their *refugee ID card number* or *ration card number of PoR* will be listed, and an equal opportunity criterion will apply: where the score is equal, women applicants will be preferred. Where the score is equal between applicants of the same year, the younger applicant will be preferred.

Art. 10 Obligations

10.1 Accepting the study grant

The applicant ranked first will be assigned the economic and support benefits subject to the acceptance of the study grant and sending of an email to relint@unimore.it within 5 days following the notification email, or the right to the study grant will be lost.

By accepting the study grant, the winner confirms under his/her responsibility not to fall within any of the incompatibility conditions under Art. 5 of this call for applications. Should the winner applicant have applied for other study grants and is still waiting for the result, s/he must indicate it anyway.

If the applicant first in the ranking does not confirm his/her acceptance of the study grant or fails to send the acceptance email by 15 July 2023, the study grant will be assigned to the eligible applicant next in the ranking.

If there are places still available after scrolling down the ranking, or in case of withdrawal by the admitted applicant, UNIMORE reserves the right to search for a suitable applicant within the rankings of the partner universities in the project by 11 August. The applicant identified shall meet the specific requirements of the degree programme in International Management.

10.2 Degree programme enrolment

The winner applicant confirming the acceptance of the study grant is automatically admitted to the Master's Degree Programme in International Management.

To obtain a study visa, a pre-enrolment request must be submitted on the UNIVERSITALY website by clicking on the link <https://www.universitaly.it/index.php/registration/firststep>. The pre-enrolment application is automatically sent to UNIMORE for validation. UNIMORE will inform the Italian Consular Authority of the admission to the study programme and the benefits awarded to the winner of the selection.

Documents required for the enrolment, to be made **by 20 December 2023**:

- 1) translation and legalisation of the University Degree Diploma, issued by the Italian Embassy/Consulate

- 2) declaration of value of the university degree diploma, issued by the Italian Embassy/Consulate of the country where the qualification was awarded or in the country to which the school issuing the qualification belongs.

The office responsible for enrolments is the Registrar's Office of the Department of Economics, email segrstud.economia@unimore.it

The winner applicant may contact the International Welcome Desk of UNIMORE internationalwelcomedesk@unimore.it for information on any quarantine periods envisaged when arriving in Italy or for help with administrative formalities, including: residence permit request, tax code, opening of a current account, health insurance, etc...Registration to the platform www.isu-services.it/it/universities/universita-di-modena is required to book a service.

Art. 11 Merit requirements for the continuation of benefits

Merit requirements to maintain the annual benefits are as follows:

- For the first year: acquisition of 18 CFUs (Crediti Formativi Universitari - University Credits) by 10 August 2024

- For the second year: acquisition of 54 CFUs by 10 August 2025.

Students are required to graduate by the last valid session of their year of enrolment (by 20 April 2026).

Students not planning to graduate by April 2026 may obtain the benefits for a further year, subject to the acquisition of at least 93 CFUs by 10 August 2026.

Art. 12. Withdrawal from studies

The winner applicant of this selection who, after enrolling to the master's degree programme in International Management, withdraws from his/her studies, loses the right to all benefits.

Art. 13 Processing of personal data

The data collected will be processed in accordance with the regulations on personal data protection of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia- <https://www.unimore.it/hreg/RegolamentoPrivacy.pdf>

The personal data collected will also be processed under the data protection policy of the UNHCR Available at: <https://www.refworld.org/docid/55643c1d4.html> and relevant guide available at: <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5b360f4d4.html>

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truthfulness of the information provided. Without prejudice to any penalties under Art. 76 of Pres. Decree no. 445/2000, if such verification detects any fraudulent information, the applicant loses his/her right to economic benefits.

Art.14. Publication of the call for applications

This call for applications is published in the University Registry and on the website <https://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-unicore.html>.

Art.15. Miscellanea

An appeal may be lodged against the content of this call before the Administrative Court of Emilia Romagna Region or an extraordinary appeal may be lodged before the President of the Republic in accordance with the law. Any appeal shall be notified to this Administration exclusively by sending an e-mail to the following certified e-mail address: direzionelegale@pec.unimore.it.

Art. 16: Person in charge of the procedure

Under Art. 5 of law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person in charge of the procedure is Ms. Barbara Villani –
e-mail: relint@unimore.it

ANNEXES:

- Application form (annex 1)
- Conversion table for foreign titles (annex 2)
- Sheet of the Master's Degree Programme in International Management

The RECTOR

Professor Carlo Adolfo Porro

Digitally signed according to Leg. Decree n. 82/2005