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### **University Corridors for Refugees - 4.0 (Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon - 2022/2024)**

Call for applications for 2 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering for Second cycle degree programmes taught in English at the University of Bergamo, Academic Years 2022-23 and 2023-24

**APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: April 30<sup>th</sup> 2022**

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### **ART. 1 - Subject, amount and duration**

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 4.0 project is to promote the right to high education for refugees through study corridors from Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon to Italy.

#### **Art. 1.1 National Project Partners**

The project is jointly promoted by a consortium of partners:

University	Available grants UNICORE 4.0
Università' di Bari	3
Università' del Sannio (Benevento)	5
Università' di Bergamo	2
Università' di Brescia	2
Università di Cagliari	2
Università degli Studi della Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli"	3
Università di Catania	2
Università degli Studi "G. d'Annunzio" Chieti - Pescara	1
Università' di Firenze	2
Università' degli studi dell'Aquila	1
Università del Salento, Lecce	1
Università' di Messina	2
Università Statale di Milano	1
Università' di Milano Bicocca	2
Università' di Milano Bocconi	2
Milano Politecnico	5
Università degli studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia	1
Università degli Studi di Napoli L'orientale	1
Università' di Palermo	3
Università degli Studi di Padova	4
Università' di Parma	2
Università di Pisa	2
Luiss Guido Carli Roma	2
Università di Roma, La Sapienza	4
Università' di Siena	1
Università per Stranieri di Siena	1
Università' di Torino	2



Torino Politecnico	3
Università Iuav di Venezia	2
Università del Piemonte Orientale, Vercelli	2
Università di Verona	1
Università degli Studi della Tuscia Viterbo	2

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection living in Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon and admitted in a programme among those offered at one of the partner university for Academic Year (A.Y.) 2022-23.

UNICORE 4.0 benefits are assigned for A.Y. 2022-23 and A.Y. 2023-24. Maintenance merit requirements and additional renewal conditions are listed in Art. 6.

The full list of the programmes available at University of Bergamo is specified in Art. 9.

#### **Art. 1.2 Local Partners of the Project**

University of Bergamo will be supported in the project by two local partners: Caritas Bergamasca and Diaconia Valdese.

Details of the service offered by the partners are better specified in the letters, by which the partners have agreed to join the partnership.

#### **Art. 1.3 Benefits and supports offered**

##### **Offered by Diaconia Valdese:**

- Monthly pocket money or Euro 100,00 for 24 months
- Payment of the regional tax for the right to study a.y 2022-23 and 2023-24 and related stamp duty
- Bus service annual subscription a.y 2022-23 and 2023-24
- Telephone sim card and payment of the first monthly subscription
- Support for issuing of documents needed for the stay in the Italian territory
- Orientation to services and extra academic activities in the area, and support for inclusion in the local community

##### **Offered by Caritas Bergamasca:**

- Full coverage of the expenses to be faced before the arrival in Italy: flight tickets, Visa and preparation of supporting documents
- Accommodation in a suitable apartment or housing structure
- Payment of utilities in the accommodation
- Support for issuing of documents needed for the stay in the Italian territory
- Educational tutor
- Psychological support
- Personal Computer
- Necessary safeguards (masks, sanitizing gel...)
- National Health Insurance coverage for years 2022 and 2023, and Residence Permit expensive coverage,
- Support for issuing of documents needed for the stay in the Italian territory

Detailed services offered by the University of Bergamo are listed in Art. 1.4.

The above mentioned academic benefits are applicable only to the beneficiaries of the scholarship and cannot be extended for any reason to relatives or third parties.



#### **Art. 1.4 Specific Benefits offered by University of Bergamo**

- Monthly scholarship of 500,00 Euro (including all charges for the beneficiary)
- A daily meal in our student canteen
- Pre-enrollment fee and tuition fee exemption (only the regional fee of 156,00 Euro will have to be paid)
- Full support from the International Desk staff and by teaching staff in charge of the project.
- Italian Course organized by the Language Center of the University of Bergamo

#### **ART. 2 – Incompatibility**

The UNICORE 4.0 study grants cannot be combined with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by the University of Bergamo for the support of international students;
- study grants issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI grants for beneficiaries of international protection;
- study grants issued by foreign governmental bodies or institutions, on the basis of agreements with the University of Bergamo, aimed at assisting the enrolment of international students at the University of Bergamo.

#### **ART. 3 – Admission requirements**

Application is open exclusively to candidates who:

1. are residing in Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon and have been recognized the refugee status in collaboration with UNHCR;
2. hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme by the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2022;
3. the degree must be issued by a higher education institution accredited in the Niger, Nigeria Cameroon higher education system or any other country;
4. have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 according to the Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon tertiary education grading system;
5. the degree must not be obtained before the year 2017;
6. meet the specific admission requirements of the Second cycle degree program of interest; for more information about specific requirements see Art. 9;
7. have never been enrolled before in a degree programs at any of the Partner Universities listed in art. 1.

#### **ART. 4 – Selection criteria and application documents**

##### **Art. 4.1 Selection criteria and evaluation committee**

Candidates are selected on the basis of merit requirements.

For the University of Bergamo, the evaluation will be carried out by a Committee of Experts composed by professors Paola Scevi and Alberto Brugnoli (Teaching staff in charge of the project), a member of the International Desk, the Professor in charge of the Master Programmes concerned – or her/his delegates – and any other teaching staff the Professors will consider appropriate.

##### **Art. 4.2 Application documents**

By May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, candidates are required to submit the following documentation:

**MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:**

1. The application form.
2. Ration Card Number of their Proof of Registration or a copy of their currently valid Refugee Identity card issued in collaboration with UNHCR.
3. An official certificate of the first level degree, issued by the awarding university, confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen degree programme.
4. An official transcript of exams passed and relative marks.



5. Any relevant and additional document required by the specific programmes chosen (see Art. 9).

**NOT MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:**

Letter/s of references written by supervisor/advisor supporting the application.

All documents presented by applicants must be in English or Italian.

**All documents in any language other than Italian or English must be accompanied by a translation.** During the application phase, the translation can be done directly by the candidate.

**Art. 4.3 Deadlines and modalities**

Applications, along with the documents listed in article 4.2, must be submitted from the day after the publication of this call to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 12:00 pm (Italian Official Time), exclusively via email to the following email address: [international.students@unibg.it](mailto:international.students@unibg.it)

**The email must bear as object: UNICORE 4.0 and the name and surname of the candidate.**

Applications that are not properly filled in or complete with all the required documentation will not be accepted. Applications cannot be submitted on paper, by fax or to an email box different from the above mentioned one.

Candidates are allowed to apply for maximum two programmes.

We strongly suggest candidates to apply for no more of two different Universities and to concentrate their choice on the programmes in which they meet the specific entry requirements.

**Art. 5 - Selection process**

The application process is divided into two steps:

- Step 1: preliminary evaluation of the documentation
- Step 2: interview

**Art. 5.1 Step 1 - Evaluation of the documentation**

The Committee of Experts will evaluate the documentation according to the following criteria:

- academic background and Grade Point Average (score: 0-15);
- evaluation of CV: professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-15);
- coherence between previous studies and selected Second Cycle Degree programme (score: 0-10).

Candidates receiving a score of less than 25 will not be admitted to phase 2 of the selection process.

Only the first 10 candidates of the ranking will be admitted to the Step 2 (interview).

Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email by May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Art. 5.2 Step 2 - Interview**

The 10 candidates admitted to step 2 will be interviewed by the Committee of Expert, who will evaluate their technical skills, competence on the subject as well as their mastering of the English language.

Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points.

Interviews will take place starting from 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and will be held on-line.

Candidates will be notified by email about the date and time of the interview.

Candidates are requested to come to the interview with the Refugee Identity Card used during the on-line application. A third party must be present during the beginning of the interview for the identification of the candidate.

**Art. 5.3 - Establishment and approval of the final ranking list**

Candidates who will score less than 50/80 points will not be included in the final ranking.

Candidate rankings are drawn up by the Committee of Experts summing up the results of the two phases and are approved by decree. The rankings are organised in decreasing order of points.



The two available seats are awarded on a gender balance ratio and the committee will elaborate two different rankings according to the gender of the candidates.

Only in the case that the list of eligible candidates does not include representatives of the two genders, the seats can be awarded to two representatives of the same gender.

For equal points, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

Winners will be notified by email by 25th June 2022.

#### **Art. 5.4 Acceptance**

The winner candidates must reply to the University communication accepting the scholarship by 10 days from the reception. Failing to provide a feedback by the given deadline will cause the loss of the benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, candidates fully accept without reserve UNICORE 4.0 project support and financial benefits at the conditions established in this call for applications. With the acceptance candidates also confirm under their own full responsibility that they do not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in article 2 of this call for applications.

Candidates will receive from the International desk of the University of Bergamo detailed information about the procedure to follow in order to complete the enrolment.

Candidates selected for the UNICORE 4.0 project support and financial benefits are not automatically enrolled in the chosen Second cycle degree Programme. Candidates must comply with the applicable provisions and deadlines, including enrolment regulations, established by the Memorandum issued by the Italian Ministry of University and Research, concerning foreign students' access to university degree programmes.

More specifically, to complete the enrolment process, candidates selected as winners will have to submit to the International desk the following documents:

- the original bachelor's degree certificate, or its certified copy, legalized by the competent Italian embassy/consulate, along with its translation in Italian and **dichiarazione di valore in loco**;
- the original transcript of records, legalized by the competent Italian embassy/consulate, along with its translation in Italian.

#### **Art. 5.5 Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats**

Candidates selected as winners can withdraw by sending an e-mail to [international.students@unibg.it](mailto:international.students@unibg.it). In case a candidate winner of the scholarship will officially withdraw by July 15, 2022, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the gender-based ranking.

If after having scrolled all the rankings, seats will still be available, the University of Bergamo reserves the right of searching for eligible candidates from other rankings issued by the Universities partners of the project, listed in article 1.1. Potential candidates must undergo any additional selection process that University of Bergamo will consider appropriate in order to verify the specific entry requirements.

### **ART. 6 – Access to the scholarship and renewal requirements**

#### **Art. 6.1 Access to the scholarship**

Winners will receive detailed information on how to access to the benefits by e-mail.

#### **Art. 6.2 Renewal requirements**

- First year: by August 10, 2023: **30 CFU/credits**.
- Second year: by August 10, 2024: **60 CFU/credits**.

#### **Art. 6.3 Additional Renewals**

Students are required to graduate by the last session available for their matriculation year, e.g. April 2025.

Students who do not succeed to graduate within April 2025 can request a 6 months extension of the scholarship, at the condition to have earned at least 80 university credits by 31 March 2025.

Extension request must be submitted to the International Student Office.



### **ART. 7 – Information notice concerning data processing**

In compliance with European data protection policy the personal data collected are processed as described in the section “Privacy and protezione dei dati personali” available (in Italian) at: <https://www.unibg.it/privacy-e-protezione-dei-dati-personali>

Personal data collected are also processed in compliance with UNHCR Data Protection Policy available at <https://www.refworld.org/docid/55643c1d4.html> and its guidance available at <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5b360f4d4.html>

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truth of the information provided. Without prejudice to the penal sanctions of article 76 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, in the event of fraudulent information being discovered as a result of such verification the applicant will forfeit the right to the study grant.

### **ART. 8 – Conditional issuing of the call for applications**

The implementation of the project and the assignment of the expected benefits are subordinate to the signing of the cooperation agreement and its addendum for the project “University Corridors for Refugees 4.0” (Ethiopia, 2022-2024) among the parties listed in art. 1.

Additionally, this call might be suspended or withdrawn in accordance with the developments of the legal and epidemiological framework of the health emergency known as “Coronavirus” or “SARS-CoV-19”.

### **Art. 9 – List of the Second Cycle Degree taught in English participating in the call for University of Bergamo**

By clicking on the name of the program you will get access to all the information about, including study plan and entry requirements.

Department of Management

[MA Business Administration, Professional and Managerial Accounting \(curriculum Accounting Accountability and Governance\)](#)

[MA Management, Marketing & Finance](#)

Department of Economics

[MA Economics and Data Analysis](#)

[MA Economics & Finance](#)

Department of Management, Information and Production Engineering

[MA Management Engineering](#)

[MA Engineering and Management for Health](#)

Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures

[MA Intercultural studies in languages and literatures](#)

[MA Planning and Management of Tourism Systems](#)

Department of Engineering and Applied Sciences

[MA Mechanical Engineering \(curriculum Smart Technology Engineering\)](#)

Any candidate may opt for maximum two Programmes. Candidates must autonomously check the entry requirements of the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programmes, as specified in the Admission criteria table.



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Candidates must hold a certificate of English proficiency at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The English language competence of candidates who do not hold the above mentioned certificate will be assessed during the interview (see art. 5.2).

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