



University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 3.0 (Ethiopia 2020-22)

Call for applications for 1 study grant and welcome services for a refugee student enrolling in a Master's Degree Programme taught in English at the University of Verona, for the Academic Year 2020-21

ART.1 Subject, amount and duration.

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees – UNICORE3.0 project (Ethiopia 2020-2022) is to promote the right to high education for refugees through study corridors from Ethiopia to Italy. The project is jointly promoted by a consortium of partners:

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Caritas Italiana
- Diaconia Valdese
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)

and the Italian Universities involved in the signature of the National Protocol within the UNICORE project.

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection living in Ethiopia and pre-admitted to a Master's degree Programme among those better specified in Article 3.

Benefits are assigned for the academic years 2021-22 and 2022-23. Maintenance merit requirements and additional renewal conditions are listed in Art. 6.

1.1 The University of Verona will be supported in the project by the following local partners:

Caritas Diocesana Veronese

Camera Avvocati Immigrazionisti del Triveneto (CAIT)

Cestim

Commissione Sinodale per la Diaconia

Comune di Verona

Comunità ebraica di Verona e Vicenza

ESU Verona

Fondazione Nigrizia

Migrantes – Centro Pastorale Immigrati

Unione delle Comunità ebraiche italiane



1.2 Benefits included in the scholarship for the whole duration of the study course will be the following:

- Full coverage of the expenses to be faced before arrival: flight tickets, Visa and preparation of supporting documents (CARITAS)
- Study grant of € 4,500 gross per year of study. Payments will be divided in installments and subject to the achievement of merit requirements. Winners will be provided with more information upon enrollment. (UNIVERSITY OF VERONA)
- Tuition fee waiver (UNIVERSITY OF VERONA)
- Italian language course at the University Language Centre (including a pre-semester intensive course) (UNIVERSITY OF VERONA)
- Psychological Support (UNIVERSITY OF VERONA)
- Administrative support in requesting, collecting and renewing the permit of stay and the registration to the National Health System (UNIVERSITY OF VERONA)
- Student tutoring at arrival and all year long, helping with integration in the University life and for any necessary support related to the academic career (UNIVERSITY OF VERONA)
- Annual Public transportation subscription (Caritas Diocesana Veronese)
- Accommodation and meals (Fondazione Nigrizia Onlus)
- Welcoming and integration services within the town (Caritas Diocesana Veronese, Cestim, Migrantes – Centro Pastorale Immigrati and other local partners)
- Integration activities with local Italian families (Caritas Diocesana Veronese)
- Legal consulting (CAIT)
- Costs for the issuing and renewal of the permit of stay (Caritas Diocesana Veronese)
- Costs for the Regional tax and stamp duty for enrollment (Commissione Sinodale per La Diaconia)
- Additional Italian language preparatory course (Cestim)
- Integration kit (Caritas Diocesana Veronese)
- Study equipment, i.e. a personal pc and any other necessary hardware/software supply for a total amount of 3,500 Euro (Comunità ebraica di Verona e Vicenza and Unione delle Comunità ebraiche italiane)
- Pocket money: 60 Euros per month (Commissione Sinodale per La Diaconia)
- Costs for registering with the National Health System (Caritas Diocesana Veronese)
- Orientation and support with territorial services (Caritas Diocesana Veronese)
- Intercultural and language mediation (Caritas Diocesana Veronese)



- Canteen card including one meal per day at no charge to the student, to be used at the University canteens managed by ESU (ESU Verona)
- Mobile phone and SIM Card subscription (Commissione Sinodale per La Diaconia)
- Verona card with free entry to Verona museums for the whole duration of the Course (Comune di Verona).

ART.2 Incompatibility.

The UNICORE 3.0 study grants cannot be combined with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by the University of Verona 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;

ART.3 International Master's Degree Programmes included in the Call and admission requirements.

3.1 Applicants can choose to apply for one of the following International Master's Degree Programmes of the University of Verona:

[Comparative European and Non-European Languages](#)

[and Literatures](#)

[Computer Engineering for Robotics and Smart Industry](#)

[Data Science](#)

[Economics and Data Analysis](#)

[Linguistics](#)

[Mathematics](#)

[Medical Bioinformatics](#)

[Molecular and Medical Biotechnology](#)

3.2 Application is open exclusively to candidates who meet the following requirements:

1. Are residing in Ethiopia and have been recognized the refugee status in collaboration with UNHCR.
2. Hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Master's Degree Programme.
3. The degree must be issued, from 2016 onwards, by a higher education institution accredited in the Ethiopian higher education system and must be valid for entry to the University in the Country where it has been issued.



4. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) equivalent to or higher than 24/30 (Italian University system). The conversion will be calculated making use of the [formula](#) officially released by the Italian Ministry of University and Research.
5. Meet the specific admission requirements of the Master's degree programme of interest (see [Annex 2](#)).
6. Have never been enrolled before in a degree programme at any of the Partner Universities.

ART.4 Selection criteria and application documents

4.1 Students are selected on the basis of merit requirements.

The first evaluation ("step 1") will be carried out by the Teaching Committee of each Master's Degree Programme. The first 10 applicants in the ranking list will be asked to take part in an online interview with a Committee of Experts, that will be appointed by the Rector of the University of Verona by 30 April 2021.

4.2 Application documents

Students are required to submit the following documentation:

1. The application form related to this Call ([Annex 1](#)).
2. A copy of their currently valid Refugee Identity card issued in collaboration with UNHCR.
3. A certificate confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen Degree Programme.
4. Transcripts of exams passed and corresponding marks.
5. Statement of Purpose (maximum two A4 pages).
6. English language proficiency certificate as requested by the chosen Degree Programme.
7. Optional: Letter/s of reference written by a supervisor/advisor and any other document which may be considered to support the application.

At this stage, translation of documents issued in languages other than English, French, Spanish, German or Italian can be done directly by the candidates in English language.

4.3 Applications are open **from 1 March 2021 to 1 April 2021 at 12 pm (noon, UTC+1)**.

Students are required to **send all the documents to:** admissions@ateneo.univr.it specifying in the **object: CALL UNICORE 3.0**.

Applications that are not properly filled out or completed with all the required documentation will not be accepted. Students are allowed to apply for a maximum of one Master's Degree Programme of the University of Verona and for up to two partner Universities within the UNICORE 3.0 project.



ART.5 Selection process

The selection process is divided into two steps:

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

5.1 Step 1 Evaluation of the documentation

The Teaching Committee of the Degree Programme selected will evaluate the documentation according to the following criteria:

- Academic background and GPA (score: 0-15)
- Evaluation of CV: (score: 0-15)
- Coherence between previous studies and selected Degree programme (score: 0-10)

At the end of step 1, a merit-based ranking list will be made available on the university website www.univr.it. Candidates ranked in the first 10 positions will be admitted to step 2 of the selection process. In case of equal scores, the youngest candidate prevails. Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email by 30 April 2021.

5.2 Step 2: online interview

Candidates admitted to step 2 will be interviewed by the Committee of Experts, who will evaluate their technical skills, competence on the subject as well as their mastering of the English language. Interviews will take place during May 2021 and will be held online via Zoom.

Candidates will be notified by email about the date and time of the interview and the relevant calendar will be also made available on the University of Verona website.

Candidates are requested to come to the interview with the Refugee Identity Card or the PoR card used during the online application. A third party must be present during the beginning of the interview for the identification of the candidate.

Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points.

5.3 Final ranking drawing up and approval

Rankings are drawn up by the Committee of Experts summing up the results of the two steps and is organised in decreasing score order. Candidates who will score less than 50/80 points will not be included in the final ranking. In case of equal scores, the youngest candidate prevails.

The final ranking will be then approved by Rector's Decree. The assignee of the scholarship and benefits will be notified by email by 15 June 2020 and the final ranking will be published on the University website www.univr.it.



5.4 Acceptance.

In order to confirm the scholarship, the assignee must accept it by replying to the University notification within 10 days of receiving it. Failing to provide a feedback by the given deadline will cause the loss of the benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, the student fully accepts without reserve UNICORE 3.0 project support and financial benefits under the conditions established in this call for applications and also confirms under his/her own full responsibility that he/she does not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in article 2 of this call for applications.

5.5 Withdrawals and allocation of vacant scholarships

In case of withdrawal before 10 July 2021 the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking list, by 20 July 2021.

Should any scholarships remain vacant, the University of Verona reserves the right to search for another eligible candidate from the ranking lists of other partner Universities. Eligible candidates must meet the specific requirements of the Master's Degree Programmes of the University of Verona.

ART.6 Scholarship and benefits renewal requirements

In order to be eligible for renewal of the scholarship, the grant holder is required to earn 30 university credits (CFU) by 10 August 2022. In order to maintain the scholarship, the grant holder is required to earn 60 university credits by 10 August 2023.

The grant holder is also required to graduate by the last session available for their matriculation year, e.g. April 2024.

ART.7 Withdrawal from the Course

If the grant holder withdraws from the Programme during his/her studies, he/she will lose all the benefits of the scholarship.

ART.8 Processing of personal data

Personal data provided by those who apply for student support benefits under this Call are processed in accordance with EU Regulation 2016/679 (hereinafter the "Regulation") and the applicable personal data protection regulations.

The processing of such data is carried out by the University of Verona as Data Controller pursuant to Articles 24 et seq. of the Regulation, for the purposes set out in the present Call, in the performance of its institutional functions.



An information notice for students on the purposes of the processing, data recipients and the rights of Data Subjects is available on the University's website, at the following link: www.univr.it/privacy.

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 candidates will also give consent to publish their refugee ID card number or the ration number card of *PoR* in the list of admitted candidates and the final ranking list both on the website: www.universitycorridors.unhcr.it and www.univr.it.

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 grant.

Art. 9 Final provisions

Information about Master's degree programmes, how to apply, application deadlines and publication of the ranking list, can be requested to the International Office (admissions@ateneo.univr.it). This Call for applications is published in the University's Official Registry. Pursuant to and for the purposes of Law no. 241/1990 and subsequent amendments, the Procedure Officer is the Head of the International Office, Direzione Didattica e Servizi agli Studenti, Chiostrò S. Francesco, Via S. Francesco, 22 – 37129 Verona.



ALLEGATO 1 – ANNEX 1

University of Verona - UNICORE 3.0 APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name and Surname:.....
Date and place of birth:.....
Address:
Mobile phone:.....
E-mail:.....
Refugee ID card number.....
OR ration number card of *PoR*:.....



Programme of interest:

Master's Degree Programme	(max one choice)
<u>Comparative European and Non-European Languages and Literatures</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Computer Engineering for Robotics and Smart Industry</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Data Science</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Economics and Data Analysis</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Linguistics</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Mathematics</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Medical Bioinformatics</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Molecular and Medical Biotechnology</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ARE YOU APPLYING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF VERONA AS A FIRST CHOICE?

- Yes. I am also going to apply to the University of _____ as a second choice.
- No, my first choice is the University of _____



PERSONAL STATEMENT

Summarize in about 5 lines a presentation of professional profile, future professional goals and your motivation.

WORK EXPERIENCE

From..... To.....

Job role

Company name

Describe responsibility and what do you do in this role

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EDUCATION

Degree

Date - University, Faculty/Department, Degree course: thesis title and score

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) should be stated in the CV, and GPA documentation should be included in the application (including each semester GPA and cumulative GPA)

High school

Date – name of high school and type of diploma - score

Other training or education

From.... To.....: **School name, town**, course title

LANGUAGES

Levels of knowledge: M: mother tongue, A: elementary, B: intermediate, C: advanced

LANGUAGE	WRITTEN LEVEL	SPOKEN LEVEL



Language certifications:

Please list here any language certification you have gained. Scanned copy of the certification must be attached to the application

COMPUTER SKILLS

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PERSONAL SKILLS

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HOBBIES

.....

I authorize the processing of personal data contained in my curriculum vitae according to art. 13 of Legislative Decree 196/2003 and art. 13 of the GDPR (EU Regulation 2016/679) for the sole purpose of application.

*I hereby declare to accept without reserve all the terms and conditions specified in the **UNICORE 3.0 Call for applications for 1 study grant and welcome services for refugee students enrolling in a Master's degree programme taught in English at the University of Verona, for the Academic Year 2021-2022.** I also declare to promptly inform the University about any change in the provided data.*

Place, Date and Signature



Allegato 2 – REQUISITI DI AMMISSIONE
Annex 2 –ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Master's Degree in <u>Comparative European and Non-European Languages and Literatures</u>	
Requisiti accademici Academic requirements	<p>Titolo universitario triennale in ambito umanistico-linguistico. I candidati devono aver già studiato nel percorso universitario di primo livello due lingue e letterature tra le cinque attivate dal Dipartimento di Lingue e Letterature Straniere (inglese, francese, spagnolo, tedesco, russo).</p> <p><i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in the field of Humanities/Modern Languages. Candidates are required to have studied during the previous university degree at least two languages and literatures among those taught at the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures (English, French, Spanish, German, Russian).</i></p>
Requisiti linguistici Language requirements	<p>Conoscenza certificata a livello C1 (scala CEFR o diplomi ufficialmente riconosciuti) nelle due lingue scelte, lingue da specificare nella domanda indicando la prima e la seconda (tra francese, inglese, russo, spagnolo, tedesco).</p> <p>Per chi non ha scelto come prima o seconda lingua l'inglese è consigliata una competenza linguistica in inglese pari almeno al livello B2 (scala CEFR).</p> <p>Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://cla.univr.it/it/servizi/riconoscimento-delle-certificazioni-linguistiche-esterne#doc_29987</p> <p><i>Certification of language proficiency corresponding to C1 level (according to CEFR scale) in the two chosen languages, which have to be clearly indicated (first language, second language) by participants in the Statement of Purpose (two of the following: French, English, Russian, Spanish, German).</i></p> <p><i>For those who have not chosen English as their first or second language, a B2 level (CEFR scale) proficiency in English is advised. A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at: https://cla.univr.it/it/servizi/riconoscimento-delle-certificazioni-linguistiche-esterne#doc_29987</i></p>
Master's Degree in <u>Computer Engineering for Robotics and Smart Industry</u>	
Requisiti accademici Academic requirements	<p>Titolo universitario triennale in ambito Ingegneria o Informatica. <i>Three year University Degree (Bachelor) in any area that requires a solid basic training in Engineering and Computer Science.</i></p>
Requisiti linguistici Language requirements	<p>Conoscenza dell'inglese di livello B2 o superiore (scala CEFR). <i>Candidates need to hold B2 or higher knowledge of English language according to CEFR scale.</i></p>



Master's Degree in <u>Data Science</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in Matematica, Fisica, Ingegneria, Economia, Informatica. <i>Three year University Degree (Bachelor or equivalent) in Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, Computer Science, Economics.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza dell'inglese di livello B2 o superiore (scala CEFR). <i>Candidates need to hold B2 or higher knowledge of English language according to CEFR scale.</i>
Master's Degree in <u>Economics and Data Analysis</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in Scienze Economiche o altre discipline in ambito economico statistico e finanziario, ove siano stati sostenuti almeno 12 CFU nell'area Matematica e almeno 48 CFU nell'area Economico-Statistica. <i>Three year University Degree (Bachelor) in Economics or other fields related to Economics, Statistics and Finance, with at least 12 credits (ECTS equivalent) in the Mathematics area and at least 48 credits (ECTS equivalent) in the Economics-Statistics area.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza dell'inglese di livello B2 o superiore (scala CEFR). <i>Candidates need to hold B2 or higher level knowledge of English language according to CEFR scale.</i>
Master's Degree in <u>Linguistics</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in ambito umanistico o altro ambito che preveda una solida formazione di base in linguistica. <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in the field of Humanities or other field requiring a solid basic training in linguistics.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B2 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo impartito in lingua inglese. Un elenco di equipollenze per le certificazioni linguistiche è disponibile all'indirizzo: https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati297246.pdf <i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B2 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English. A list of equivalent language certifications can be found at:</i> https://docs.univr.it/documenti/Documento/allegati/allegati297246.pdf
Master's Degree in <u>Mathematics</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in Matematica, Fisica, Ingegneria o in ogni altra area che preveda una forte formazione iniziale in Matematica. <i>Three year University Degree (Bachelor) in Mathematics, Physics, Engineering, or in any area requiring a strong basic training in Mathematics.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza dell'inglese di livello B1 o superiore (scala CEFR). <i>Candidates need to hold B1 or higher knowledge of English language according to CEFR scale.</i>



Master's Degree in <u>Medical Bioinformatics</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in Informatica, Ingegneria Informatica o bioinformatica o in ogni altra area che preveda una forte formazione iniziale in Informatica. <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in Computer Science or Related, and Bioinformatics or in any area requiring a strong basic training in Computer Science.</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza dell'inglese di livello almeno B2 (scala CEFR). <i>A formal English proficiency certification of B2 level knowledge of English language according to CEFR scale.</i>
Master's Degree in <u>Molecular and medical biotechnology</u>	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	Titolo universitario triennale in discipline matematiche, chimiche, fisiche e informatiche; o discipline biologiche (biochimica, biologia molecolare, biologia, microbiologia, genetica e tecnologie genomiche). <i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in Mathematics, Physics, Informatics; or in Biological disciplines (biochemistry, molecular biology, biology, microbiology, genetics).</i>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	Conoscenza dell'inglese di livello B1 o superiore (scala CEFR). <i>Candidates need to hold B1 or higher knowledge of English language according to CEFR scale.</i>