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SAPIENZA
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

**University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 3 .0
Call for applications for n. 2 scholarships for n.2 refugee students
admitted to second level degree/graduate programmes in English at
Sapienza University of Rome
for the a. y. 2021-2023**

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DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS: from 01 March 2021 to 01 April 2021

INTRODUCTION

By Rectoral Decree n.656/2021 dated 03.03.2021 the following Call for applications is approved: University Corridors for Refugees 3.0 (Ethiopia – 2021/2023) for n.2 study grants and welcome services for n.2 refugee students registering to Second cycle degree programmes taught in English at Sapienza University of Rome, called hereafter "Sapienza", for the a. ys. 2021-22 and 2022-2023.

Art.1 Objectives, object and terms
The general objective of the project University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 3 .0 (2021-2023) is to promote the right to higher education of refugees through the creation of educational corridors from Ethiopia to Italy. The Project is promoted by a consortium of partners:
The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)
Caritas Italiana
Gandhi Charity
Centro Astalli per l'Assistenza agli Immigrati ODV
Waldensian Diaconia
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of International Cooperation
Several Italian universities as listed in the National Protocol.

The beneficiaries of the project are refugees or individuals holding an international protection status with a degree issued by a higher education institution and admitted in one of the second-level degree/graduate programmes listed in Article 9.

The benefits will be awarded for the academic years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. The requirements for the confirmation and renewal of the scholarship are specified in article 6.

1.1 Local partners
Sapienza is supported in the project by three local partners:
Caritas Diocesana di Roma, called hereafter "Caritas RM"
Cooperativa Roma Solidarietà promossa dalla Caritas Diocesana di Roma, called hereafter "CRS"
Centro Astalli per l'Assistenza agli Immigrati ODV
Waldensian Diaconia.
Their support has been formalized through the signature of a Local Protocol.

1.2 Benefits
The final selected candidates will be entitled to receive the following benefits from each of the involved parties.

    Sapienza:
      - awards n.2 (two) scholarships to n.2 (two) winning students;
      - supports them throughout their academic path with orientation and academic tutoring activities;
      - guarantees free access to university canteens;
      - provides them with a mobile phone, and SIM card, if required;

- equips them with a laptop;
- contributes to the supply of teaching materials in collaboration with the Waldensian Diaconia;
- provides linguistic support in collaboration with Centro Astalli and Caritas RM.

The staff of the International Office will provide the selected refugee students with the required assistance throughout all stages of the project.

CRS
- provides all initial reception activities upon arrival at the airport;
- guarantees accommodation for one of the selected refugee students/students at meals, when access to university canteens is not possible;
- provides clothing and monthly pocket money for the entire duration of the agreement - for an amount of € 2.00 per day per capita - for small extra expenses;
- reserves access to Italian teaching activities throughout the university course;
- incurs in the cost of registering with the National Health System for the year 2021 and renewal for 2022, in relation to the student in charge;
- guarantees the availability of a tutor, who will guide the female students, in conjunction with the academic referees, to the local services and local extra-academic activities, as well as facilitate their access to local services.

Caritas Rome:
- provides legal assistance in collaboration with the Waldensian Diaconia;
- offers spaces for listening, orientation and facilitating access to local services, in collaboration with Diaconia Valdese and Centro Astalli.

Centro Astalli:
- guarantees accommodation for one of the selected refugee students and some meals, when access to university canteens is not possible;
- provides clothing and monthly pocket money for the duration of the agreement for an amount of € 2.00 per day per capita - for small extra expenses;
- reserves access to Italian teaching activities throughout the university course;
- incurs in the cost of enrolling in the National Health System for the year 2021 and renewal for 2022, in relation to the student in charge;
- involves the beneficiaries in all planned laboratory and socialization activities;
- guarantees access to all orientation services for activated migrants, applicants and holders of international protection;
- guarantees the availability of a tutor, who will guide the female students, in conjunction with the academic referees, to the local services and local extra-academic activities, as well as facilitate their access to local services.

Waldensian Diaconia:
- covers the expenses for the purchase of textbooks for a maximum annual cost of € 150.00 per student;

- supports female and male students in handling administrative procedures;
- covers administrative expenses for the presentation of the application for a residence permit for study reasons and for the subsequent renewal;
- provides legal support in immigration matters;
- purchases a season ticket for local transport;
- if the beneficiaries need specific psychological support, activate an agreement with a dedicated partner;
- guarantees the availability of a tutor, who will guide the female students, in conjunction with the academic referees, to the local services and local extra-academic activities, as well as facilitate their access to local services.

Art.2 Incompatibility
The UNICORE 3.0 scholarship is incompatible with:
- Scholarships offered by Sapienza for enrolment purposes or any other scholarships that infringes the regular participation to the project UNICORE 3.0;
- Scholarships offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation – MAECI;
- Scholarships offered by the Conference of Italian University Rectors - CRUI in favor of international protection holders;
- Scholarships for international students offered by foreign governments or institutions on the basis of agreements with Sapienza;
- Scholarships offered by the Lazio Region Agency (LazioDisco).

Art.3 Admission requirements
The call is open only to candidates that meet the following requirements:
1. Being resident in Africa and have had the recognition of the status of refugee or international protection through the intervention of UNHCR;
2. Holding a valid qualification for admission to the chosen degree programme;
3. The degree must be or have been issued by a higher education institution accredited in the higher education system of the country that issues/issued the degree and must allow on-site access to a second-level degree/graduate programme;
4. Average grades (GPA - *Grade point average)* of at least:
   a. 21/30 for applicants to the second level degree/graduate programme in Computer Science;
   b. 24/30 for applicants to the second level degree/graduate programme in Development and International Cooperation Sciences/Economics for Development;
   c. 22,8/30 for applicants to the second level degree/graduate programme in Electronics Engineering;
   d. 22,5/30 for applicants to the second level degree/graduate programme in Economics and communication for management and innovation.

   For the conversion of the average to the Italian grading system, please, use the official conversion formula provided by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research available in Annex 2 of this call;
5. The degree must not have been achieved before 2016;

6. Meet the specific requirements of the chosen second level degree/graduate programme;

7. Have not been previously enrolled in a degree programme at Sapienza or at any of the other partner universities of this initiative.

Art.4 Selection criteria and application documents

4.1 Selection criteria and evaluation committee

Students are selected on the basis of academic merit.

All applications will be evaluated by a committee, appointed by the Director of the International Office. The committee will be composed by the four directors of the four second level degree/graduate programmes offered by Sapienza (see art.9) and will be supported by a member of the International Office. The committee, according to the selection criteria, will produce separate rankings per degree programme and each ranking will be divided into a female and a male ranking in order to guarantee equal access opportunities. If there will be no candidates for either gender, the available scholarships will be awarded to two candidates of the same gender.

With the same score, the younger candidate comes first.

The committee will then proceed with the final general selection.

4.2 Application documents

Students are required to submit the following documents:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

1. Application form attached to this call (Annex I);
2. A copy of the currently valid Refugee Identity card issued by or in collaboration with UNHCR or copy of the Proof of Registration *(POR) Card;*
3. A certificate confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen second level degree/graduate programme;
4. List of passed exams and related marks;
5. Any other documents required for admission to the chosen second level degree/graduate programme (see art.9).

NON-MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

1. Motivation letter (max one A4 page);
2. Letter/s of reference written by a supervisor/advisor supporting the application;
3. Applicants are warmly recommended to shoot a short video CV (e.g. using mobile phone) where they introduce themselves and their motivations.

In this phase, any translation of documents edited in languages other than English, Spanish, German, French or Italian can be done directly by the candidates.

4.3 Deadlines and how to apply

Applications can be sent **from 01 March 2021**, 12 noon (noon - UTC + 1) to **01 April 2021**, 12 noon (noon, UTC + 1).

Students are due to send applications, including all the documents listed above, via the link

https://www2.uniroma1.it/internazionale/incoming/registrationDegreeProgramme.aspx?lang=en .

Candidates must specify during the application phase that they intend to apply within the framework of the UNICORE 3.0 project and, in order to confirm the submission of their online application, they must send their name, surname, place and date of birth to the following e-mail address: unicore.sapienza@uniroma1.it .

Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be taken into consideration.

Students are allowed to apply for only one second level degree/graduate programme offered by Sapienza and for only two universities among those participating in the UNICORE 3.0 project including Sapienza.

Art. 5 Selection process

The selection process is divided into two phases:

- Phase 1: assessment of documentation
- Phase 2: online interview

5.1 Phase 1: assessment of documentation

The committee will assess the application documents according to the following criteria:

-   Academic Background and GPA (score: 0-15)
-   Curriculum Vitae (score: 0-15)
-   Consistency between previous studies and chosen degree programme (score: 0-10).

At the end of the first assessment phase, a temporary ranking will be drawn up and only the first 20 candidates (5 per study programme) will be able to access Phase 2.

Candidates admitted to Phase 2 will be notified via e-mail within May 5th, 2021. The ranking list will also be published at the link https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/unicore-university-corridors-refugees on the page dedicated to UNICORE 3.0.

The maximum score assigned for this assessment phase is 40 points.

5.2 Phase 2: online interview

All candidates admitted to Phase 2 will be interviewed by the committee. The technical skills, subject competences and mastering of the English language will be assessed during the interview.

The interviews will take place online within June 5th, 2021.

The day and time of the interview will be notified by e-mail directly to the candidates, as well as published at the link https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/unicore-university-corridors-refugees on the page dedicated to UNICORE 3.0.

During the interview, candidates will be asked to show their *Refugee Identity Card* or their *PoR Card* as indicated in the application.

The maximum score assigned for the interview is 40 points.

5.3 Approval of the final ranking

The rankings will be drawn up by the committee summing up the results obtained in the two selection Phases. Candidates will be ranked in a descending order of scores.

At the end of the two Phases, applicants who obtains a score of less than 50/80 will not be included in the final ranking.

The two available scholarships 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 scholarships can be awarded to two representatives of the same gender.

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

The final selected candidates will be notified by e-mail by June 20th 2021, and the final ranking will be published at the link https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/unicore-university-corridors-refugees on the page dedicated to the UNICORE 3.0 as well as on the pages dedicated to transparency.

5.4 Acceptance

Candidates must accept via written e-mail the scholarship within 10 days from the receipt of the notification e-mail. Failing to provide a feedback by the given deadline will cause the loss of the scholarship.

By accepting the scholarship, the candidate declares to be compliant with the benefits offered by the Project UNICORE 3.0 as well as with the conditions indicated in this call for applications. The candidate also declares under his own responsibility that he/she does not fall under any of the incompatibility conditions listed in Article 2 of this call for applications.

5.5 Reserve list

If one or both final selected candidates withdraw from the scholarship programme by the deadline of June 30th, 2021, Sapienza will assign the scholarship to the next eligible candidate.

If there are no more candidates in the reserve list, Sapienza might decide to award the scholarship to a suitable candidate within the rankings of the partner universities of the project. Eligible candidates from external rankings must meet the specific requirements of the degree programmes offered by Sapienza.

Art.6 Confirmation of the scholarship

6.1 Requirements for confirming the scholarship

In order to obtain the confirmation of the scholarship for the second academic year, students must achieve at least 30 credits (CFU) by August 10th 2022. If the study plan of the first year of the degree programme in which the student is enrolled provides less than 60 credits, the renewal requirement will be calculated on the basis of half of the credits foreseen for the first year.

In order to continue to keep the benefits, students must obtain at least 70 credits (CFU) by August 10th 2023.

Students must graduate within the last available session of their cohort, i.e. January 2024.

6.2 Renewal of scholarship

Students who are unable to graduate by January 2024 may apply for a renewal of six months. Renewals can be granted on condition that at least 90 university credits (CFU) have been obtained by December 31st 2023.

The renewal request must be submitted to the International Office.

Art.7 Withdrawal

Selected refugee students will withdraw from the degree programme during their studies will automatically lose all benefits of the scholarship.

Art.8 Treatment of personal data

The processing of personal data is regulated by the European Regulation n. 679 of 27/04/2016 - GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) as well as by the National legislation in force and according to the law on protection of personal data of UNHCR, available at link:
https://www.refworld.org/docid/55643c1d4.html .

Candidates agree also to the publication on the ranking list of the number of their *Refugee Identity Card* or the ration number of the *PoR card* on the website:
www.universitycorridors.unhcr.it and on: https://www.uniroma1.it/en/pagina/unicore-university-corridors-refugees .

The administration reserves the right to verify the correctness of the data declared as indicated in article 76 of Presidential Decree 445/2000. In the event of false declarations, the candidate will lose the right to participate in the call and/or the benefits assigned.

The person in charge of the processing of personal data is the person in charge of the procedure, Mrs. Graziella Gaglione.

Art.9 List of second level degree/graduate programmes offered in English at Sapienza University of Rome

1. <u>Computer science</u>

Academic Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or Engineering.
Minimum GPA: 70/100 or 21/30
Minimum English Language Requirements: Upper Intermediate (CEFR Level B2)
The following test scores are accepted:

- **IELTS Academic** 6.0 or higher
- **TOEFL IbT** 80 or higher
- **Cambridge B2 First** or higher
- **TOEIC Listening&Reading** 720 or higher

Please note: the above requirements **may be waived** for students holding a degree from an accredited institution where English is the main language of instruction.

Weblink:
https://www.studiareinformatica.uniroma1.it/master-course-computer-science

Contacts:
casalicchio@di.uniroma1.it
segr.didattica@di.uniroma1.it

2. Development and International Cooperation Sciences/Economics for Development

Academic Requirements
1. During your bachelors programme you must have taken at least one or two exams in Economics*;
2. During your bachelors programme you must have taken at least one or two exams in Law*;
3. During your bachelors programme you must have taken at least one or two exams in Social Sciences*.

Please note: The assessment is based on the number of the credits, not only on the number of taken exams.

Minimum GPA: 80/100 or 24/30

Minimum English Language Requirements: Upper Intermediate (CEFR Level B2)

The following test scores are accepted:

- **IELTS Academic** 6.0 or higher
- **TOEFL IbT** 80 or higher
- **Cambridge B2 First** or higher
- **TOEIC Listening&Reading** 720 or higher

Please note: the above requirements **may be waived** for students holding a degree from an accredited institution where English is the principle language of instruction.

Weblink:
https://corsidilaurea.uniroma1.it/en/corso/2020/30455/home

Contacts:
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internationalstudentscoris@uniroma1.it
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3. Electronics Engineering

Academic Requirements:
The MDEE selection process:
- requires the general documents about the university MDEE of the candidate including the list of exams with their subjects, the corresponding grades, the Bachelor final thesis showing a strong background in mathematics (calculus, algebra, analysis) and physics (classical and modern), chemistry and electrical measurements, computer programming, analog and digital electronics, electromagnetic fields and antennas, communication theory and engineering and control theory.

The submission of the following documents is strongly recommended and will constitute a positive element in the evaluation for admission to the programme, such as CGPA, GRE, and GATE, will be also taken into consideration.

Minimum GPA: 76/100 or 22,8/30

Minimum English Language Requirements: Upper Intermediate (CEFR Level B2)
The following test scores are accepted:

- **IELTS Academic** 6.0 or higher
- **TOEFL IbT** 80 or higher
- **Cambridge B2 First** or higher
- **TOEIC Listening&Reading** 720 or higher

Please note: the above requirements **may be waived** for students holding a degree from an accredited institution where English is the principle language of instruction.

Weblink:
https://corsidilaurea.uniroma1.it/en/corso/2020/29935/home

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Prof. Paolo Burghignoli, +39.06.44585404, paolo.burghignoli@uniroma1.it – Academic Mobility

4. Economics and communication for management and innovation

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
1. First Cycle Degree (EQF Level 6: 3 year Bachelor or equivalent) with adequate academic background (overall 72 ECTS) in:
1. Business (minimum 18 ECTS or equivalent credit hours);
2. Economics;
3. Mathematics/Statistics;
4. Quantitative Analysis (e.g. Informatics);
5. Law.

Applicants are eligible if First Cycle Qualification and language proficiency comply with the above mentioned minimum curricular requirements.
2. CV and work experience may not replace minimum requirements but will be considered by Admission Board for final selection and ranking.
Please consider whether minimum requirements are possessed before applying.
3. Recommendation Letter
Minimum GPA: 75/100 or 22,5/30
Minimum English Language Requirements:
The following test scores are accepted:

- **IELTS Academic** 6.5 or higher
- **TOEFL IbT** 80 or higher
- **TOEIC Listening&Reading** 730 or higher

Please note: the above requirements **may be waived** for students holding a degree from an accredited institution where English is the principle language of instruction.

Weblink:
https://corsidilaurea.uniroma1.it/en/corso/2020/30418/home

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LA RETTRICE

Annex 1

Sapienza University of Rome

UNICORE 3.0 APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name and Surname: ……………………………..

Date and place of birth: …………………………….
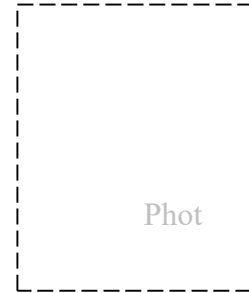
Address: …………………………………………

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Mobile phone: ………………………………………...

E-mail: ……………………………………………..

refugee ID card number………………………………

OR ration number card of *PoR:* ...……………………

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DEGREE PROGRAMME OF INTEREST:

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HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR ANOTHER UNIVERSITY WITHIN UNICORE 3.0? IF SO, WHICH ONE?

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

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

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WORK EXPERIENCE

From…. To….

Job role

Company name

Describe role/tasks/responsibilities and what do you do in this role

From…. To….

Job role

Company name

Describe role/tasks/responsibilities and what do you do in this role

EDUCATION

Degree

Date - University, Faculty/Department, Degree programme: thesis title and score, if available

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 formative experiences

From…. To….: ***School name, town,*** programme 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

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

*I hereby declare to accept without reserve all the terms and condition specified n the **UNICORE 3.0 Call for applications for n. 2 scholarships and welcome services for refugee students registering for Second cycle degree programmes taught in English at Sapienza University of Rome, for the Academic Year 2021-22.***
I also declare to promptly inform the University about any change in the provided data.

Place, Date and Signature

Annex 2

Allegato 5 – Tabella di conversione dei Titoli stranieri

Valutazione esami

I candidati che hanno conseguito esami di laurea in una Università straniera hanno a disposizione sul sito http://www.universitaly.it/ un sistema di conversione dei voti ottenuti sulla base della seguente formula:

$$Voto = \frac{V-Vmin}{Vmax-Vmin} * (Imax - Imin) + Imin$$

V= Voto da convertire
Vmin=Voto minimo per la sufficienza nell'Università di provenienza
Vmax= Voto massimo nell'Università di provenienza
Imin= Voto minimo per la sufficienza nelle Università Italiane (= 18/30)
Imax= Voto massimo nelle Università Italiane (=30/30)

Per le valutazioni su scala qualitativa si fa riferimento alla seguente scala di conversione:

Valutazione da convertire	Voto
A	30
B	28
C	26
D	23
E	18

COURTESY TRANSLATION:
Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research
Attachment 5 – Conversion table for foreign titles
Evaluation of exam grades
Candidates who hold a title conferred by a foreign University can refer to the conversion system available on the website www.universitaly.it . The conversion system is obtained using the following mathematical formula:
GRADE: G-Gmin/Gmax-Gmin * (Imax-Imin) + Imin
Where:
G: grade to be converted
Gmin: Minimal pass grade in the foreign grading system
Gmax: Maximum grade in the foreign grading system
Imin: Minimum pass grade for the Italian grading System (18/30)
Imax: Maximum grade in the Italian grading system (30/30)
For qualitative grades the following table is used:
A = 30
B = 28
C = 26
D = 23
E = 18