



**University Corridors for Refugees – UNICORE 7.0
(Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria,
South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe – 2025-2026)**

Call for application for 1 study grant and welcome services for a refugee student registering for Master degree programmes at the University of Naples L'Orientale,
Academic Years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027

APPLICATION SUBMISSION: From 3 March 2025 to 18 April 2026

Introduction

By Rectoral Decree n. 192/2025 dated 3/03/2025 the following Call for applications is approved:

University Corridors for Refugees 7.0 (Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe– 2022/2024) for n. 1 study grant and welcome services for n. 1 refugee student registering to Master degree programmes at University of Naples L'Orientale, for the a. ys. 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.

ART. 1 – Subject, benefits and duration

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees – UNICORE 7.0 project is to promote the right to higher education for refugees, through the creation of study corridors from Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe to Italy.

1.1 National Project Partners

UNICORE 7.0 is jointly supported by a consortium of partners, including: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Caritas Italiana, Waldensian Deaconship, Gandhi Charity, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), University of Naples L'Orientale (UNIOR) and other Italian Universities.

1.2 Local Project Partners

The Campania Regional Agency for the Right to University Study (Agenzia per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario della Regione Campania – ADISURC) and other local partners will support the University of Naples L'Orientale and contribute to the local development of the project. The support is dependent on the establishment of a partnership with the institutions mentioned above. The services offered by the partners will be detailed in their letters of agreement to join the partnership.

1.3 Benefits and supports offered

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection certified by UNHCR currently living in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, registering in one of the master degree programmes offered at one of the partner university for the Academic Year (A.Y.) 2025-26.



The full list of the Master degree programmes of the University of Naples L'Orientale is specified in the Annex 1 and at the following link <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/>.

UNICORE 7.0 benefits are assigned for the A.Y. 2025-26 and A.Y. 2026-27.

Merit requirements retention and additional renewals conditions are applied as listed in Art. 6.

The beneficiary of the UNICORE 7.0 project will benefit from full support in:

- pre-enrolling at the Italian Embassy in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and carrying out immigration procedures;
- full coverage of the expenses incurred in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe before the arrival in Italy (e.g. flight tickets, visa application and preparation of supporting document);
- applying for admission to one of the Master degree programmes of the University of Naples L'Orientale, listed in the Annex 1 and at the following link <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/>;
- receiving financial benefits, housing and board as better detailed in article 1.4;
- applying for ADISURC benefits;
- mentoring services in administrative, logistical and educational issues throughout the study programme;
- integrating into the local students' life and community.

1.4 Specific Benefits offered by the University of Naples L'Orientale

The beneficiary of the UNICORE 7.0 project at the University of Naples L'Orientale will also receive specific financial benefits and support, consisting of:

- 6500€ per year covered by the University of Naples L'Orientale. Payments will be divided into instalments. The selected candidate will be provided with more information upon enrolment.
- Tuition fee exemption.
- Free enrolment in Italian language courses in collaboration with Centro Linguistico di Ateneo (CLAOR).
- Psychological care.
- Free accommodation in a shared (double) room provided by ADISURC.
- Coverage of the administrative costs for the residence permit and the cost of health insurance by the Waldensian Diaconia.
- A laptop provided by the Waldensian Diaconia.
- A local travel pass provided by Caritas Diocesana.
- A Buddy service to facilitate the integration in the local students' life and community provided in the context of the project "Community Matching" (UNHCR-CIAC).
- Additional support by local partners signing the cooperation agreement.

The benefits mentioned above only apply to the scholarship beneficiary.

ART. 2 – Incompatibility

The UNICORE 7.0 study grants are incompatible with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by the University of Naples L'Orientale for the support of international students;



- study grants offered by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI (Conferenza Rettori Università Italiane) grants for beneficiaries of international protection;
- study grants offered by foreign governmental bodies or institutions, based on agreements with the University of Naples L'Orientale, aimed at the enrolment assistance of international students at the University of Naples L'Orientale.

ART. 3 – Application requirements

Application is exclusively open to candidates who:

1. are residing in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and have been recognized the refugee status/International Protection status;
2. past attendance and graduation within a Bachelor Programme in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe;
3. hold a degree obtained in or after 01/01/2020 and no later than 17/04/2025;
4. have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 (24/30 referred to the Italian system) 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. meet the specific admission requirements of the selected Master degree programme (at the following link <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/> and in Annex 1);
6. have never before been enrolled in a degree program at any of the Partner Universities;
7. proficiency in the English language is required.

ART. 4 – Application documents, deadlines and procedures

4.1 Application document

Applicants are required to submit the following documents:

1. **Curriculum Vitae.**
2. A copy of their currently valid **Refugee Identity Card** and/or the **Proof of Registration (POR)** issued by or in collaboration with UNHCR.
3. An official certificate, issued by the awarding university, confirming the **qualification required** for admission to the selected degree programme.
4. **Official transcript** of exams passed and marks.
5. Any **other relevant and additional document** required by the specific degree programme selected (including but not limited to certification of English language knowledge).
6. A **motivation letter** (maximum two pages).

All submitted documents must be in English or Italian.

All documents in any language other than Italian or English must be supported by a translation into English or Italian on plain (non-letterhead) paper.



In the application stage, the applicant can provide an informal translation but mandatorily along with the original documents.

In this stage, it is not necessary to submit an official certified translation into Italian, or the relative legalization or “declaration of value” of the study qualification.

4.2 Deadlines and procedures

Applications, along with the documents listed in art. 4.1, must be **submitted between 3 March 2025 to 18 April 2025 at 12:00 pm (Italy official time)**.

Applicants may submit their applications by filling in the application form online at the following link <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/>.

Applications not correctly filled in or not complete with all the required documentation will not be accepted.

Concerning the University of Naples L'Orientale, candidates are allowed to apply for a maximum of 1 programme.

We strongly recommend not to apply for more than two different Universities within the same project and to select exclusively the programmes for which the specific entry requirements are met.

When filling the application for the Master Degree Programmes offered by the University of Naples L'Orientale, applicants can send an e-mail to unicore@unior.it.

ART. 5 – Selection criteria and process

5.1 Selection criteria and evaluation committee

Candidates are selected upon merits requirements.

For the University of Naples L'Orientale, the evaluation will be carried out by a Committee of Experts composed by Teaching staff Focal point in charge of the project (Professor Adele Del Guercio), the Presidents of the relevant Master's Degree Programmes or their delegates and any other teaching staff considered appropriate.

5.2 Selection process

The selection process foresees two stages:

- Stage 1: preliminary evaluation of the documentation submitted.
- Stage 2: in-depth assessment and interview of selected candidates.

Stage 1 – Preliminary evaluation of the documentation submitted

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

- Academic background and Grade Point Average GPA (score: 0-15)
- CV Evaluation: professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-15)
- Personal motivation and coherence between previous studies and selected Master Degree programme (score: 0-10)

Candidates receiving a score lower than 30 will not be admitted to stage 2 of the selection process.

Candidates admitted to Stage 2 will be emailed.

Stage 2 – In-depth assessment and interview of candidates



The in-depth assessment of the candidates admitted to stage 2 and the interviews will be carried out by the Committee of Experts, who will assess their motivation, skills and competence on the subject as well as their English language proficiency.

Interviews will only be held remotely, via skype or other similar platforms, in **May-June 2025**. Candidates are requested to attend the interview having at hand the Refugee Identity Card and/or the Proof of Registration used during the application. To assure the candidates' identification, a third party will be present at the beginning of the interview.

Interviews will be assessed on a scale of 40 points. Only candidates receiving a minimum score of 30 points will be eligible for the final ranking.

5.3 Setting and approval of the final ranking list of candidates

Only candidates with a minimum overall score of 60 out of 80 points will be included in the final ranking.

The Committee of Experts will set up the candidates ranking lists summing up the scores of the two stages. The final ranking list is set in decreasing order and then approved by decree.

Upon equal score, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

The list of applicants admitted to the University of Naples L'Orientale will be published on the websites www.unior.it/it/UNICORE and <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/> by **16 June 2025**.

In case of vacant seat due to lack of suitable candidates or withdrawal of the admitted candidate, the University of Naples L'Orientale reserves the right to search for eligible candidates from ranking of other University partners. Eligible candidates from external rankings must meet specific requirement of the programmes of University of Naples L'Orientale.

5.4 Acceptance

The selected candidate will be personally emailed by 16 June. To confirm the acceptance of the UNICORE 7.0 project support and financial benefits, the selected candidate must reply to the University of Naples L'Orientale by emailing to unicore@unior.it no later than 7 days from the notification sending date, under penalty of loss of the project support and financial benefits.

The selected candidate must state their full acceptance without reserve of the UNICORE 7.0 project support and financial benefits, according to the conditions established in the call for application. With the acceptance, he is also required to confirm, under his own full responsibility, not to have any of the conditions of incompatibility established in article 2 of this call. He will also notify the University Naples L'Orientale any changes to the declared information that may occur during the year.

IMPORTANT: the student selected for the UNICORE 7.0 project support and financial benefits is not automatically enrolled in the selected Master Degree Programme. The student must personally enrol in the selected Master Degree Programme and comply with applicable provisions and deadlines, including the enrolment regulations established by the Memorandum issued by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research concerning foreign students' access to university degree programmes.



The selected student will receive detailed information about the procedure to complete the enrolment process. Upon arrival, the selected candidate will have to hand over the following documents:

- the original Bachelor's Degree certificate;
- declaration of value (DV), issued by the Italian Diplomatic Authorities in their home country, along with the diploma official translation into Italian, legalised (or with an "apostille") and validated OR, the ENIC-NARIC certificate is accepted;
- the University Transcript of Records with all the exams completed (in English or Italian).

5.5 Ranking scroll and vacant places assignment

In case the selected candidate waives by 30 June 2025, UNICORE 7.0 project support and financial benefits will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the gender-based ranking list.

ART. 6 – Access to the scholarship and renewal requirements

6.1 Access to the scholarship

The selected candidate will be emailed for detailed information to access the benefits.

6.2 Renewal and merit requirements

In order to renew the scholarship for the second year, the student is required to obtain 24 university credits (CFU) by the end of September 2026.

6.3 Additional Renewals

If the student do not foreseen to complete the Master's Degree Programme within December 2027 can request a six (6) months extension of the scholarship, submitting a formal request to the International Office by 1° December 2027. This is dependent on the student not having more than two exams or the degree thesis to complete.

Additional renewals and extension are subject to the University decision, financial availability and eventually only to the extent not covered by ADISURC benefits.

Any further extension will be subject to a case-by-case approach.

ART. 7 – Waiving

The selected candidate can waive by emailing.

The selected refugee student who withdraw from the degree programme during his studies will automatically lose all benefits of the scholarship.

ART. 8 – Information notice concerning data processing

Personal data collected are processed as described in the *Regolamento in materia di protezione dei dati personali in attuazione del regolamento UE 2016/679 del Parlamento europeo e del Consiglio e del decreto legislativo 30 giugno 2016, n. 196 codice in materia di protezione dei dati personali* available (in Italian) at: [https://www.unior.it/sites/default/files/2023-](https://www.unior.it/sites/default/files/2023-06/Regolamento%20in%20materia%20di%20protezione%20dei%20dati%20personali%20in%20attuazione%20del%20regolamento%20UE%202016679%20del%20Parlamento%20Europeo%20e%20del%20Consiglio%20e%20del%20Decreto%20legislativo%2030%20giugno%202016%20C%20n.%20196%20codice%20in%20materia%20di.pdf)

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Personal data collected are 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 truthfulness 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 the applicant will forfeit the right to the study grant.

ART. 9 – Conditional issuing of the call for application

This call for application is issued conditionally to the signing of the cooperation agreement and its addendum for the project “University Corridors for Refugees 7.0” (2025-2027) among all the parties listed in art. 1, para. 1. The same applies to the signing of the cooperation agreement with local partners mentioned in art. 1, para. 2.

ART. 10 – Call publication

The present call will be published on the official university register and on the websites www.unior.it/it/UNICORE and <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it>.

ART. 11 – Responsible for the procedure

In compliance with the provisions of Law no. 241/1990, art. 5, the responsible in charge for the procedure of the present call is dott. Gabriele Flaminio, Office of Communications and Public Engagement, press@unior.it.

F.TO IL RETTORE
ROBERTO TOTTOLI



Annex 1 - List of the Master degree programmes of the University of Naples L'Orientale

Department of Human and Social Sciences

- **International Relations**
<https://www.unior.it/it/studia-con-noi/didattica/offerta-formativa/lauree-magistrali/relazioni-internazionali>
- **International Relations and Institutions of Asia and Africa**
<https://www.unior.it/it/studia-con-noi/didattica/offerta-formativa/lauree-magistrali/relazioni-e-istituzioni-dellasia-e>
- **Languages and Intercultural Communication in the Euro-mediterranean Area**
<https://www.unior.it/it/studia-con-noi/didattica/offerta-formativa/lauree-magistrali/lingue-e-comunicazione-interculturale>

Department of Asian, African and Mediterranean Studies

- **Archaeology: Asia, Africa and Mediterranean Area**
<https://www.unior.it/it/studia-con-noi/didattica/offerta-formativa/lauree-magistrali/archeologia-asia-africa-e-mediterraneo>
- **Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa**
<https://www.unior.it/it/studia-con-noi/didattica/offerta-formativa/lauree-magistrali/lingue-e-culture-dellasia-e-dellafrika>

Department of Literary, Linguistic and Comparative Studies

- **Italian Culture and Italian as a Foreign Language**
<https://www.unior.it/it/studia-con-noi/didattica/offerta-formativa/lauree-magistrali/lingua-e-cultura-italiana-stranieri>
- **Comparative Literatures and Cultures**
<https://www.unior.it/it/studia-con-noi/didattica/offerta-formativa/lauree-magistrali/letterature-e-culture-comparate>
- **European and American Languages and Literatures**
<https://www.unior.it/it/studia-con-noi/didattica/offerta-formativa/lauree-magistrali/lingue-e-letterature-europee-e>
- **Translation for Special Purposes**
<https://www.unior.it/it/studia-con-noi/didattica/offerta-formativa/lauree-magistrali/traduzione-specialistica>

Inter-departmental Master degree courses:

- **Humanities and digital technology**
<https://www.unior.it/en/node/1993>

The specific admission requirements of the selected Master degree programme are available clicking the corresponding link.

Most teaching is done in Italian. Please note, however, that it will be possible to take exams in English, using English materials.

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