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University Corridors for Refugees - 2.0 (Ethiopia - 2020/2022)

Call for applications for 2 study grants and welcome services for refugee students applying for second-cycle degree programmes taught in English at the University of Padua, for the Academic Years 2020-21

Application period: From April 20th, 2020 to May 20th 2020

ART. 1 - Subject, amount and duration.

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - 2.0 pilot project is to promote the right to high education for refugees through study corridors from Ethiopia to Italy. University Corridors for Refugees – UNICORE 2.0 is jointly promoted by a consortium composed by the following partners:
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Caritas Italiana
- Diaconia Valdese
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)
- University of Padua
- IUAV
- LUISS University of Rome
- University of Cagliari
- University of Firenze
- University of L'Aquila
- University of Milano
- University of Perugia
- University of Pisa
- University of Sassari

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection certified by UNHCR living in Ethiopia, applying for one of the Second cycle degree programmes taught in English at one of the partner university for Academic Year (A.Y.) 2020-21.
 The full list of the programmes available at University of Padua are listed in Article 13.

1.2 Local Partners of the Project

The University of Padua will be supported in the project by the two local partners: Caritas and Diaconia Valdese. The support is conditional to the signing of the cooperation agreement between the parties which will be done by the deadline of application of the call.

1.3 General Benefits and supports offered

- support for pre-enrolling at the Italian Embassy in Ethiopia and carrying out immigration procedures;

- support for applying for admission to second-cycle degree programmes listed in Art. 13
- financial benefit, housing and board as better specified in article 1.4
- mentoring service for the duration of the studies;
- support for integrating in the local student life and community.

1.4 Specific Benefits offered by University of Padua

- Full coverage of the expenses to be faced before the arrival in Italy: flight tickets, Visa and preparation of supporting documents, offered by Caritas
- Tuition fee waiver for the whole duration of the Master's Degree, offered by the University of Padua
- Free accommodation in student dorms / private affiliated colleges / university residences
- Access to two free meals a day, from Monday to Friday, in student canteens or affiliated restaurant
- Free language course at the University Language Center, offered by the University of Padua
- A personal pc, offered by Caritas
- Registration to the National healthcare system, offered by Caritas
- Dedicated support for all the administrative procedures, offered by Caritas
- A family selected by Caritas as a support in everyday life
- Mobile phone SIM card and subscription, offered by Diaconia Valdese
- Annual Public transportation subscription, offered by Diaconia Valdese
- Pocket money (200€/month), offered by Diaconia Valdese
- Psychological support, offered by Diaconia Valdese
- Support in the integration in student life and assistance for any problem met during the studies, offered by local students, with the supervision of the University of Padua.

The above mentioned benefits are applicable only to the beneficiaries of the scholarship and cannot be extended for any reason to relatives or third parties.
UNICORE 2.0 general and specific benefits are assigned for A.Y. 2020-21 and A.Y. 2021-22. Maintenance merit requirements and additional renewals conditions are listed in Art. 9.

ART. 2 – Incompatibility.
The UNICORE 2.0 study grants cannot be combined with:
- Padua Excellence Scholarship;
- Study grants offered 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 Padua, aimed at supporting the enrolment of international students at the University of Padua;
- Regione Veneto scholarships.

ART. 3 – General and specific admission requirements.

The application is open exclusively to candidates who:

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 second-cycle degree programme, issued by a higher education institution accredited in the Ethiopian higher education system
3. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 according to the Ethiopian tertiary education grading system
4. Meet the specific admission requirements of the second-cycle degree programme of interest, or will meet such requirements by the deadline of enrolment
5. Have never been enrolled before in a degree programme at any of the Partner Universities listed in art. 1
6. Comply with 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.

ART. 4 – Application submission: deadlines, modalities and documents needed for application

Art. 4.1 Deadlines and modalities

Applications that are not properly filled in or complete with all the required documentation will not be accepted.

Students are allowed to apply for a maximum of two Universities and for a maximum of three programs for each of them.

The application will be deemed valid only if the student completes the above procedure correctly.

Applications cannot be submitted on paper, by fax or by e-mail. Applications are considered valid only if all the required documents will be sent.

Applicants must be eligible for enrolling in the 1st year of a second -cycle degree (*Laurea Magistrale*) of the University of Padua (for details on the pre-requisites and procedures: https://www.unipd.it/en/how-apply).

Applicants must complete the online application between April 20th, 2020 and May 20th, 2020, by 11.59 pm - local time (GMT+1), on their personal area on apply.unipd.it

Detailed instructions for filling the application form are available in attachment 1.

For assistance or guidance, students can contact the Admissions and Welcome Unit - Global Engagement Office (international.admission@unipd.it).

Art. 4.2 Application documents

Applicants must upload the following documents to their application:

- **Motivational Letter(s)** in English;
- **Curriculum Vitae (Résumé)** in English;
- **Transcript of records** ;
- **Academic title**;
- **Passport**;
- Refugee ID card / ration number card of the PoR ;

- **English Language** or **other language certifications** (if required - check entry requirements for each programme);
- **Any other document required** (check entry requirements for each programme)**.**

If admitted to the degree programme, students will have to submit other documents including legalised copies of previous qualifications. No legalised documents will have to be submitted at the application stage, but an English or Italian translation of the entry title should be uploaded as well.

All 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. The submission of the translated documents only is not enough, applicants also need to provide the original document.
In the application phase it is not necessary to submit an official (sworn/certified) translation into Italian, the relative legalization or the "declaration of value" of the study qualification.

ART. 5 Selection criteria
For the University of Padua, the evaluation will be carried out by a Committee of Experts. A second decree will define the members of the Committee.
Students are selected on the basis of merit requirements, which will be evaluated in two phases:
- Phase 1: preliminary evaluation of the documentation made available by the candidates
- Phase 2: in-depth evaluation and interview of candidates.

Art. 5.1 Phase 1 - evaluation of the documentation made available by the candidates
The Committee of Experts will evaluate the documentation received by each applicant based on the following criteria:
-        Academic background and GPA (score: 0-20)
-        Evaluation of CV: professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-20)
-        Personal motivation and coherence between previous studies and selected second-cycle degree programme (score: 0-10)
Students receiving a score of less than 30 will not be admitted to phase 2 of the selection process.
Candidates admitted to Phase 2 will be notified by email by May 31st , 2020.
The list of eligible applicants for the University of Padua , including the ones not selected for the available seats, will be published by 30th June on https://www.unipd.it/en/refugees
and on www.unhcr.it/universitycorridors.
If, after having scrolled all the rankings, seats will still be available, the University of Padua reserves the right of calling eligible candidates from other rankings issued by the partner Universities of the UNICORE project. Potential candidates will be required to undergo any additional selection process that the University of Padua will consider appropriate in order to verify the specific entry requirements.

Art. 5.2 Phase 2 - In-depth evaluation and interview of candidates
Applicants will be interviewed online by the relevant Committee, who will evaluate their motivation, expectations, and technical skills, as well as their mastering of the English language. Interviews will be graded on a scale of 20 points. Shortlisted applicants scoring less than 10 points will be rejected. Those scoring 10 points or more will be eligible for the final ranking.

Interviews will take place online between June 1ˢᵗ and June 19th, 2020.
Candidates will be notified by email about the date and time of the interview.
 Candidates are requested to join 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. 6 – Establishment and approval of the final ranking list
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. Only in the case that the list of eligible candidates does not include representatives of the two genders, the second seat can be awarded to a representative of the same gender of the first beneficiary. For equal points, preference will be given to the youngest candidate.
Beneficiaries will be notified by email by June 26ᵗʰ, 2020.

ART. 7 – Acceptance.
In order to confirm acceptance of the UNICORE 2.0 project support and financial benefits, assignees must confirm their acceptance no later than 10 days from the reception, under penalty of loss of the project support and financial benefits.
By accepting the scholarship the student fully accept without reserve UNICORE 2.0 project support and financial benefits at the conditions established in this call for applications. With the acceptance students 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.
It is implied that any changes to the declared information must be promptly notified to the University.
 Candidates will receive detailed information about the documents to be submitted in order to complete the enrolment.

ART. 8 – Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats
In case a candidate winner of the scholarship will officially withdraw by July 15ᵗʰ, 2020, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.
If after having scrolled all the rankings seats will still be available, the University of Padua reserve 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 undergone any additional selection process University of Padua will consider appropriate in order to verify the specific entry requirements.

ART. 9 – Procedure for accessing the financial benefits and renewal requirements
Art.9.1 Access to the financial benefits
Beneficiaries will receive detailed information on how to access to the benefits by e-mail.
Beneficiaries are kindly invited to regularly check their mailbox for updates of the process.
All the benefits will be immediately suspended in case the student will stop to attend classes or will not be reachable by the University staff and Professors for more than one week without any reasonable explanation.

Art. 9.2 Renewal requirements
- First year: within the 10th of August 2021: 30 CFU.
- Second year: within the 10th of August 2022: 80 CFU.

Art.9.3 Additional Renewals
If the student does not succeed to complete the Master Programme within the second session of academic year 2021/2022, he/she can apply for a 6-month extension of the grant. Request must be submitted to the Admissions and Welcome Unit by October 30th, 2022.
If the student does not graduate within the third and last graduation session of academic year 2021/2022, he/she might apply for an additional 6-month extension until end of December 2023. Request must be submitted to the Admissions and Welcome Unit by March 31st, 2023.
The above additional grants will be awarded only if the student has obtained at least 90 cfu credits and they are subject to financial availability.
Any further extension will be subject to a case-by-case approach.

ART. 10 – Withdrawal
Applicants may withdraw by sending an e-mail to international.admission@unipd.it.
In case of withdrawals received by July 15th, 2020 UNICORE 2.0 the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

ART. 11 – Information notice concerning data processing
Personal data collected are processed as described at: https://www.unipd.it/en/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 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. 12 – Conditional issuing of the call for applications
This call for application is issued conditionally to the signing of the cooperation agreement and its addendum for the project "University Corridors for Refugees 2.0" (Ethiopia –2020-2022) among all the parties listed in art. 1.

Art. 13 – List of the Second Cycle Degree taught in English participating in the call for University of Padua
By clicking on the name of the program you will get access to all the information about, including study plan and entry requirements.

Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine

- [Forest science](#)
- [Italian food and wine](#)
- [Sustainable agriculture](#)
- [Biotecnologie per l'alimentazione](#), only for the path held in English "Biotechnologies for food science"

Economics and Political Sciences

- [Business administration](#)
- [Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#)
- [European and Global Studies](#)
- [Human rights and multi-level governance](#)

Engineering

- [Computer Engineering](#)
- [Control Systems Engineering](#)
- [Cybersecurity](#)
- [Environmental engineering](#)
- [ICT for Internet and multimedia](#)
- [Mathematical Engineering](#)

Human and Social Sciences and Cultural Heritage

- [Local development](#)
- [Scienze storiche](#), only for the path held in English "Mobility studies"

Science

- [Astrophysics and Cosmology](#)
- [Cybersecurity](#)
- [Data science](#)
- [Geophysics for Natural Risks and Resources](#)

- [Physics](#)
- [Physics of Data](#)

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ATTACHMENT 1 – APPLICATION DETAILS

The online application must be completed between April 20th 2020 and May 20th 2020, by 11.59 pm - local time (GMT+1), at: https://apply.unipd.it.
If applicants have already submitted an application to a Second Cycle Degree course at the University of Padua before April 20th, they are required to send an e-mail to international.admission@unipd.it.

Before starting the online application, applicants should prepare the attachments to be uploaded, as detailed in the call, art. 4.2
Applications start by clicking the *Become an applicant* button. At the end of the registration procedure applicants will receive an access code (it is highly recommended to save it) and will have to verify their e-mail address.
To apply, candidates must sign in at https://apply.unipd.it and then fill all the required fields and upload the required documents. Once all steps have been completed, applicants must click "submit" to finalize the application.

Incomplete submissions will be rejected automatically.

Problems related to the online application can be reported by email (international.admission@unipd.it).