

University Corridors for Refugees - 3.0 (Ethiopia - 2021/2022)

Call for applications for 2 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering for Second cycle degree programs taught in English (Master of Science Programs) at Università Commerciale Luigi Bocconi (herein after referred to as “Bocconi University”), Milan, Academic Year 2021-22.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 April 2021

ART. 1 - Subject, amount and duration

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 3.0 project is to promote the right to high education for refugees through study corridors from Ethiopia to Italy.

Art. 1.1 National Project Partners

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)
- Bocconi University
- All the other universities signing the cooperation agreement for the project “University Corridors for Refugees - 3.0 (Ethiopia - 2020/2022)” (see art. 9)

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection living in Ethiopia and admitted in a programme among those offered at one of the partner universities for the Academic Year (A.Y.) 2021-22.

UNICORE 3.0 benefits are assigned for the A.Y. 2021-22. Maintenance merit requirements and additional renewal conditions are listed in Art. 6.

The full list of the programs available at Bocconi University is specified in Art. 10.

Art. 1.2 Local Partners of the Project

Bocconi University will be supported in the project by two local partners: Caritas Diocesana and Diaconia Valdese. The support is conditional to the formation of a partnership with the above mentioned institutions. 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

Eligible candidates will receive full support during all the steps of the application, including financial coverage for all the expenses prior to the arrival.

Winners will receive financial coverage for the travel expenses to Italy and full support during their studies.

Among the benefits offered:

- Scholarship.
- Housing and Board.
- Full tuition fee reduction.
- Coverage of extra expenses as better specified in Art. 1.4.
- Mentoring service for all the duration of the studies.
- Full support from the Staff and Faculty Members in charge of the project.

Detailed services offered by Bocconi University 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 Bocconi University

- Full coverage of the expenses to be faced before the arrival in Italy (flight tickets, Visa and preparation of supporting documents), offered by Caritas Italiana.
- €3,000 per year of study. Payments will be divided in two installments. Winners will be provided with more information upon enrolment.
- Free accommodation in one of our student dorms, in a shared room from the month of August 2021.
- Meal card with two meals a day (reduced fee) from Monday to Saturday in our student canteens.
- A personal computer

ART. 2 – Incompatibility

The UNICORE 3.0 study grants cannot be combined with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by Bocconi University 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 Bocconi University, aimed at assisting the enrolment of international students at Bocconi University.

ART. 3 – Admission requirements

Application is open exclusively to candidates who:

- are residing in Ethiopia and have been recognized the refugee status in collaboration with UNHCR;
- hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme by 31 October 2021;

- the degree must be issued by a higher education institution accredited in the Ethiopian higher education system;
- have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least “B” according to the Ethiopian tertiary education grading system;
- the degree must not have been obtained before the year 2016;
- meet the specific admission requirements of the Second cycle degree program of interest; for more information about specific requirements see Art. 10;
- have never been enrolled before in a degree programs at any of the Partner Universities.

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 Bocconi University, the evaluation will be carried out by an Admissions Committee composed by Paolo Cancelli (Director, Students), Stefano Caselli (Vice Rector for International Affairs), Prof Antonella Carù (Dean, Graduate School), MSc Program Director (depending on students’ choices)

Art. 4.2 Application documents

By **30 April 2021**, candidates are required to submit the following documentation:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

- The application form (attachment 1).
- The Ration Card Number of their Proof of Registration or Refugee Identity Card, issued by Ethiopian authorities and UNHCR.
- An official certificate of the first level degree, issued by the awarding university, confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen master programme.
- An official transcript of exams passed and relative marks.
- A curriculum vitae (CV): it must include all information related to the applicant (including education, knowledge of languages and IT skills, any past or current professional experiences and other general information). There are no preferences regarding the type of curriculum vitae to submit (e.g. European format or others), however it has to be in English.
- A personal statement addressed to the Directors of the Master of Science programs you chose on your application: normally it should be around 1 to 2 pages (indicatively no more than 4000 characters, spaces included). If more than one choice is provided, one letter should be submitted, specifying the motivation for each Master of Science program in one file. We suggest you be honest and feel free to write also about yourself, describe your ambitions, individuality, skills and experiences.
- Applicants may be required to pass an online selection test administered by Bocconi University (or, alternatively, a GMAT/GRE score)

NOT MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

- Letter/s of references (in English) written by supervisor/advisor supporting the student's application.
- Results of the GMAT/GRE test
- Any certificate of knowledge of foreign languages (i.e. English, Spanish, Chinese, Russian...)
- Any other activities might be interesting for the Committee (e.g. internships, projects, papers, etc.)

All documents presented by applicants must be in English

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

Art. 4.3 Deadlines and modalities

Applications, along with the documents listed in article 4.2 can be submitted from the day after the publication of this call to 30 April 2021 at 12:00 pm (Italian Official Time), exclusively via email to the following email address: graduate.admissions@unibocconi.it

The email must bear as object: UNICORE 3.0 and the name and surname of the candidate.

For further information or guidance, candidates can contact Bocconi Admissions Office,

Telephone: (+39) 025836.2192/2480 from Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. (Italian Official Time) or send an email to graduate.admissions@unibocconi.it

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.

For Bocconi University, candidates are allowed to apply for maximum two programs in order of preference.

ART. 5 - Selection process

The application process is divided into two steps:

- Step 1: preliminary evaluation of the documentation
- Step 2: interview with the program director of candidate's first choice
- Step 3 (if needed): interview with the Program Directors of candidate's subsequently choices in case he/she is not eligible for his/her first choice

Art. 5.1 Step 1 - Evaluation of the documentation

The Admissions Committee will evaluate the documentation according to the following criteria:

- academic background and Grade Point Average (score: 0-20);
- evaluation of CV: professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-10);
- coherence between previous studies and selected Second Cycle Degree programme (Master of Science Program) (score: 0-10).

Candidates receiving a score of less than 25 will not be admitted to phase 2 of the selection process. Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email by **14 May 2021**.

Art. 5.2 Step 2 - Interview

The interviews will be conducted via web on services such as Skype, Google Hangouts or Whatsapp. Candidates admitted to step 2 will be interviewed by the Program Director and committee members, 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 **19 May 2021**.

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

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

Candidates with disabilities who need assistance during the interview must specify the type of disability they have and the kind of support they need in the application form. In this case, an official disability certificate is also requested.

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 Admissions Committee, summing up the results of the two phases and are approved by decree. The rankings are organized 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.

The list of eligible applicants for Bocconi University, including the ones not selected for the available seats, will be published by 30 June 2021 on www.universitycorridors.unhcr.it In this list, refugee ID card number or ration number card of PoR, instead of full name, will be used to identify the eligible applicants and the ones not selected.

Winners will be notified by email by June 30, 2021.

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 3.0 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 Bocconi Admissions Office detailed information about the procedure to follow in order to complete the enrolment.

Candidates selected for the UNICORE 3.0 project support and financial benefits are not automatically enrolled in the chosen Second cycle degree Programme (Master of Science). 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 programs.

More specifically, upon their arrival in Italy, to complete the enrolment process, candidates selected as winners will have to submit to Bocconi Admissions Office 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.

(il ministero pare abbia attivato un servizio di richiesta DoV apposta per i rifugiati, ma non si capisce se sia applicabile qui, se no io non chiederei nulla; Firenze ce l'ha nel bando)

Art. 5.5 Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats

Candidates selected as winners can withdraw by sending an e-mail to graduate.admissions@unibocconi.it

In case a candidate winner of the scholarship will withdraw by 14 July 2021, 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, Bocconi University reserves the right of searching for eligible candidates from other rankings issued by the Universities partners of the project. Potential candidates must undergo any additional selection process that Bocconi University 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 10 August 2022: 18 CFU/credits.
- Second year: by 10 August 2023: 54 CFU/credits.

Art. 6.3 Additional Renewals

The students who do not succeed to complete the Master Programme by December 2023 can request a 6 months extension of the scholarship for the amount of 3,000 euros. The extension is awarded only if, by 23rd December 2023, the students have to pass two exams, university internship (if applicable) and defend the final thesis. The request must be submitted to Bocconi Funding, Fees and Housing Office by 23rd December 2023.

ART. 7 - Withdrawal from studies

Winners who, after their enrollment, apply for withdrawal from studies, will lose their right to all the benefits listed in Art. 1.4 and will be requested to return the PC.

ART. 8 – Information notice concerning data processing

Personal data collected are processed as described in the Regolamento di attuazione delle norme in materia di protezione dei dati personali” available (in Italian) at: <https://www.unifi.it/vp-11360-protezione-dati.html>.

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. 9 – 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 3.0” (Ethiopia, 2020-2022) 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. 10 – List of the Second Cycle Degree taught in English (Master of Science Programs) participating in the call for Bocconi University

The Master of Science programs taught in English at Bocconi University that are participating in the call are:

- Management
- Marketing Management
- Economics and Management in Arts, Culture, Media and Entertainment
- Economics and Management of Government and International Organizations
- Politics and Policy Analysis

Any candidate may opt for maximum two Programs. Further information on the MSc programs are available on www.unibocconi.eu.

Candidates must hold a certificate of English proficiency at level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (attachment 2). The English language competence of candidates who do not hold the above mentioned certificate will be assessed during the interview (see art. 5.2).

ART. 11 - Publication of the Call

The present call and the 3 attachments will be published on the official University Register and on the website www.universitycorridors.unhcr.it

ART. 12 - Procedure Manager

In compliance with the provisions of Law no. 241/1990, art.5, the person in charge of the procedure at the present call is Riccardo Taranto, Managing Director

Milano, February 26th 2021

Managing Director

(Riccardo Taranto)