

University Corridors for Refugees - 4.0 (2022/2023)

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 2022-23.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 31 May 2022

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ART. 1 - Subject, amount and duration

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 4.0 project is to promote the right to high education for refugees through study corridors from Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, Malawi, Mozambico, Sud Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe 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 - 4.0 (2022/2023)" (see art. 9)

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection living in Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, Malawi, Mozambico, Sud Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe and admitted in a programme among those better specified at art.10

UNICORE 4.0 benefits are assigned for the A.Y. 2022-23. and 2023-24 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.

Art. 1.3 Benefits and supports offered to the winners

- Full coverage of the expenses to be faced before the arrival in Italy: flight tickets, Visa and preparation of supporting documents (CARITAS)

- € 5,000 per year of study. Payments will be divided in bimestrial installments (e.g. paid each two months). Winners will be provided with more information upon enrollment. (BOCCONI UNIVERSITY)

- Free accommodation in one of our student dorms or student apartment in a shared room from August 2022 (BOCCONI UNIVERSITY)

- Meal card with two meals a day (reduced fee) from Monday to Saturday in our student canteens (BOCCONI UNIVERSITY)

- A personal Pc (BOCCONI UNIVERSITY)

- Enrollment in NHS (CARITAS AMBROSIANA/BOCCONI UNIVERSITY)

- Italian Course organized by the language center (BOCCONI UNIVERSITY)

- A psychological support through an affiliated partner where needed (BOCCONI UNIVERSITY)

- Additional monthly allowance up to € 100 for each student (24 months) which will cover meals not included in the meal card, personal hygiene expenses and the monthly mobile subscription (DIACONIA VALDESE)

- Coverage of the administrative expenses for the issuing of the permit to stay for study reason (DIACONIA VALDESE)

- Coverage of the administrative expenses for the renewal of the permit to stay for study (DIACONIA VALDESE)

- Support for the bureaucratic procedure and for the access to local services (DIACONIA VALDESE)

- Mobile SIM card and first month of subscription (DIACONIA VALDESE)

- Guidance to the local and extra-academic services (DIACONIA VALDESE)

- Search for a matching family for opportunities of meeting and socialization (CARITAS AMBROSIANA)

- Dedicated educational and integration support for the length of the academic program (CARITAS AMBROSIANA)

The staff of the Students' Division of Bocconi University together with local students will be at the student's disposal for assistance in any bureaucratic step of the project.

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. The beneficiaries will not be able to apply for Family Reunification ("Ricongiungimento familiare") while being part of the UNICORE 4.0 program.

ART. 2 – Incompatibility

The UNICORE 4.0 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;
- Regional scholarship offered by Lombardy region (DSU).

ART. 3 – Admission requirements

Application is open exclusively to candidates who:

- are residing in Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, Malawi, Mozambico, Sud Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe and have been recognized the refugee status in these countries;
- hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme **by 31 October 2022**;
- the degree should preferably be obtained in one of the abovementioned countries (Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon, Malawi, Mozambico, Sud Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe) Unicore 4.0 is targeting. Alternately, applicants graduated from other countries can be considered, only if their degree title is issued by a higher education institution accredited in the country where the degree has been awarded. The qualification must as well consent the access to a second level degree course in the country of issuance.
- have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 24/30 – referred to the Italian System. For the conversion of the average to the Italian grading system the official conversion formula of the Italian Ministry of Education will be used, as for [attachment 2](#) of this call
- the degree must not have been obtained before the year 2017;
- 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
Proficiency in the English language is required.

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 the Students' Division Director and staff members, the Vice Rector for International Affairs, the Dean of the Graduate School and the MSc Program Director (depending on students' choices).

Art. 4.2 Application documents

By **31 May 2022**, candidates are required to submit the following documentation:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

- The application form ([attachment 1](#)).
- A copy of their currently valid Refugee Identity card issued in collaboration with 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 31 May 2022 at 12:00 pm (Italian Official Time, GMT+1), exclusively via email to the following email address: refugees@unibocconi.it

The email must bear as object: UNICORE 4.0 and the name and surname of the candidate.

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

Telephone: (+39) 025836.2194/2471 from Monday to Friday 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. (Italian Official Time) or send an email to refugees@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. It is possible to apply for a maximum of two different universities.

ART. 5 - Selection process

The application process is divided into two steps:

- Step 1: preliminary evaluation of the documentation
- Step 2: interview with the admissions committee (see art.4.1)
- 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 **20 June 2022**.

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

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 Admissions Committee, 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 the week of **21 June 2022**.

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 during the interview for the identification of the candidate and to supervise that the candidate is always alone in the room while the interview is being conducted.

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. The rankings are organized in decreasing order of points.

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 15 July 2022** 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 **15 July 2022**.

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 4.0 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 4.0 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 enrollment 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.

Art. 5.5 Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats

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

In case a candidate winner of the scholarship will withdraw by **25 July 2022**, 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 2023: 18 CFU/credits.
- Second year: by 10 August 2024: 54 CFU/credits.

Students are required to graduate by the last session available for their matriculation year, e.g. April 2025

Art. 6.3 Additional Renewals

The students who do not succeed to complete the Master Programme (by graduating by April 2025) can request an extension of up until a year at the same conditions. The request must be submitted to Bocconi Funding, Fees and Housing Office by the end of December 2024.

ART. 7 - Withdrawal from studies

Winners who, after the enrollment, later decide to leave the program and the University, need to do so by notifying the university and UNHCR via email. The students who abandon the program will lose entitlement to all the support and benefits mentioned in Art. 1.4 and will be requested to return all the devices provided.

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 at: https://www.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/Bocconi/SitoPubblico_EN/Navigation+Tree/Home/About+Us/Statute+Regulations+and+Documents/Data+Protection+Regulation+GDPR/?key=footer

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.

The candidates will also give consent to publish the 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

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 4.0” (Cameroon, Niger and Nigeria, 2021-2023) among the parties listed in Art. 1.

Additionally, this call might be suspended or modified 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 of Government and International Organizations

Any candidate may opt for maximum two Programs.

Candidates could be considered for additional programs (complete list at www.unibocconi.eu/graduateprograms) in case their profile better fits with those alternatives.

ART. 11 - Publication of the Call

The present call and the 2 attachments will be published on the official University Register and on the website www.universitycorridors.unhcr.it. The project is also presented at https://www.unibocconi.eu/wps/wcm/connect/Bocconi/SitoPubblico_EN/Navigation+Tree/Home/programs/master+of+science/Guidance+Activities/unicore

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, March 29 2022

Managing Director
(Riccardo Taranto)

ATTACHMENT 1

BOCCONI UNIVERSITY
UNICORE 4.0 APPLICATION FORM
ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023

Please complete this application form in capital letters and send it, together with all the other documents required (please see the checklist at page 3), **exclusively via email** to *refugees@unibocconi.it*

PERSONAL INFORMATION
LAST NAME:
NAME:
DATE OF BIRTH:
PLACE OF BIRTH:
CITIZENSHIP:
GENDER:
REFUGEE ID CARD NUMBER:
RATION CARD NUMBER OF THE UNHCR PROOF OF REGISTRATION:
MOBILE PHONE:
EMAIL:

MASTER of SCIENCE PROGRAM/S OF INTEREST (up to 2 choices, please indicate your order of preference using numbers from 1 to 2, where 1 is your preferred program)
<input type="checkbox"/> Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Economics and Management of Government and International Organizations

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR OTHER UNIVERSITIES? (if yes, please list their names)
1.
2.
3.

EDUCATION – SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA
SECONDARY SCHOOL NAME:
SECONDARY SCHOOL CITY:
SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNTRY:
DATE OF FIRST ENROLLMENT:
TYPE OF DIPLOMA (e.g. National secondary school diploma, IB Diploma, British qualifications...):
FINAL GRADE OF DIPLOMA (grade obtained out of maximum grade achievable):

EDUCATION – BACHELOR DEGREE
UNIVERSITY NAME:
UNIVERSITY CITY:
UNIVERSITY COUNTRY:
DATE OF FIRST ENROLLMENT:
FIELD OF STUDY (e.g. mathematics, economics, management, law ...):
NAME OF DEGREE (e.g. Bachelor of Science in Economics):
DATE OF GRADUATION (if already graduated):
GRADUATION GRADE (if available, including minimum and maximum score achievable):
EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE (if not graduated yet):

CHECK LIST OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- COPY OF CANDIDATE'S PASSPORT/REFUGEE ID CARD
- CANDIDATE'S PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTO
- OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF EXAMS PASSED AND RELATIVE MARKS
- CURRICULUM VITAE
- MOTIVATIONAL LETTER
- COPY OF BACHELOR DEGREE (if available)
- ADDITIONAL NON-COMPULSORY DOCUMENTS (e.g. reference letters, certificates of English/foreign languages, GMAT/GRE test score, internship letters/certificates...)

ENGLISH REQUIREMENTS (one of the following)

- UNIVERSITY QUALIFICATION (OR SECONDARY SCHOOL DIPLOMA) AWARDED IN ENGLISH
- ENGLISH EXAM AT B2 LEVEL (OR HIGHER) PASSED IN A UNIVERSITY COURSE
- A CERTIFICATE OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AT LEVEL B2 OF THE COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE FOR LANGUAGES (see Bocconi website for further details)
- DUOLINGO ENGLISH TEST (minimum 110)
- ENGLISH MOTHER TONGUE (by passport)

The English language competence of candidates who do not hold one of the above-mentioned certificates will be assessed during the interview.

(Only for candidates with disabilities, who are required to attach an official certificate of disability)

I declare to have the following disability


and I request the following support during the interview

I authorize the processing of the personal data reported above 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 give consent to publish my refugee ID card number or ration card number of my PoR, instead of my full name, in the final list of candidates admitted to the project on the website: <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it>

I hereby declare to accept without reserve all the terms and condition specify in **the UNICORE 4.0 Call for applications for 2 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering for Master of Science Programs taught in English at Bocconi University, for the Academic Year 2022-23.**

I also declare to promptly inform the University about any change in the provided data.


UNIVERSITA' COMMERCIALE "LUIGI BOCCONI"
MANAGING DIRECTOR
(Riccardo Taranto)

(Place and date) MILAN, MARCH 29 2022

SIGNATURE

ATTACHMENT 2



Il Ministro dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca

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.university.it/> un sistema di conversione dei voti ottenuti sulla base della seguente formula:

$$\text{Voto} = \frac{V - V_{\min}}{V_{\max} - V_{\min}} * (I_{\max} - I_{\min}) + I_{\min}$$

V= Voto da convertire

V_{min}=Voto minimo per la sufficienza nell'Università di provenienza

V_{max}= Voto massimo nell'Università di provenienza

I_{min}= Voto minimo per la sufficienza nelle Università Italiane (= 18/30)

I_{max}= 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:

Ministry of Education, University and research

Attachment 5 – conversion table for foreign titles

Evaluation of exams grades

Candidates who hold a title conferred by a foreign University can refer to the conversion system available on the website www.university.it . The conversion system is obtained using the following mathematical formula:

$$\text{GRADE: } G - G_{\min} / G_{\max} - G_{\min} * (I_{\max} - I_{\min}) + I_{\min}$$

Where:

G: grade to be converted

Gmin: Minimum 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