

University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 6.0 (Kenya, Mozambico, Niger, Nigeria, Sudafrica, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia e Zimbabwe)

Call for applications for 4 study grants for refugee students registering to Second cycle degree programmes at the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli

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ART. 1 Aims, subject and terms

The general aim of the **University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 6.0 (Kenya, Mozambico, Niger, Nigeria, Sudafrica, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia e Zimbabwe)** project is to promote the right to high education for refugees, through educational corridors from Kenya, Mozambico, Niger, Nigeria, Sudafrica, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia e Zimbabwe to Italy. The Project is 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) Several Italian universities better specified in the cooperation agreement.

The University's commitment was formally established in the national Cooperation Agreement, signed by all the partners of the initiative.

The beneficiaries of the Project are refugees residing in Kenya, Mozambico, Niger, Nigeria, Sudafrica, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia e Zimbabwe and admitted to one of the second cycle programmes listed in Article 9.

The benefits will be assigned for the academic years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026. The merit requirements for the maintenance and renewal of the study grant are specified in Article 6.

1.1 Local partners

The University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli will be supported in the Project by the Archdiocese of Capua and Diocese of Caserta (joined in *persona Episcopi*). Details of the service offered by the partners are specified in the cooperation agreement signed by the partners.

1.2 Benefits

The benefits will be divided between the University and the Archdiocese of Capua and the Diocese of Caserta according to the following scheme:

The Vanvitelli University will guarantee:

- Study grant worth € 6,000.00 per year, paid in monthly installments following communication of the Responsible of the Student Career Management Division.
Beneficiaries will receive detailed information during the enrolment phase;
- Exemption from payment of tuition fees for access to the University's Degree Programmes;
- Psychological support and first medical assistance, through its own university structures;
- Support for all immigration procedures through the International Welcome Desk;
- Identification of a dedicated Buddy student to be selected among those enrolled in the same study programme chosen by the beneficiary;
- Free Italian language course;
- The Internationalization Office staff will be available to assist the student in all phases of the Project.

The Archdiocese of Capua – Diocese of Caserta will guarantee:

- Board and accommodation expenses for the beneficiaries;
- Expenses for the purchase of textbooks and/or computer equipment;
- Introduction of students into the social and university life with a tutor who will accompany students;
- Support and expenses for the handling of documentation related to health and/or administrative issues (e.g. issue of residence permits for study purposes);
- Expenses for registration in the National Health Service;
- Expenses for the renewal of the residence permit for study reasons;
- Payment, to each student, of a pocket money of € 2.00 per day for small expenses.

ART. 2 Incompatibility

The UNICORE 6.0 study grant is incompatible with:

- Merit or income based study grants/prizes promoted by the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli for International students;
- Study grants issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

(MAECI);

- CRUI grants for beneficiaries of International protection;
- Study grants for international students promoted by foreign governmental bodies or institutions based on agreements with the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli;
- Grant for the right to education of the Body of the Campania Region for the Right to University Education (DSU);

ART. 3 Admission requirements

The application is open exclusively for candidates who:

1. Are residing in Kenya, Mozambico, Niger, Nigeria, Sudafrica, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia e Zimbabwe and have been recognized the refugee status with the intervention of UNHCR;
2. Hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Second Cycle degree programme;
3. The qualification must have been obtained in a higher education institution accredited by the Ministry of Education of the country that issued the qualification, and must allow, on site, access to a second level degree programme;
4. Grade point average - GPA relating to the qualification of at least 24/30. For the conversion of the average grades from the foreign to the Italian system, the Ministerial formula referred to in Attachment 2 of this announcement will be used;
5. The degree must have been obtained not earlier than 2019 and no later than 15 April 2024;
6. Meet the specific admission requirements of the Second Cycle Degree programme of interest;
7. Have never been enrolled in a Degree programme of the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli or of any other partner Universities.

ART. 4 Selection criteria and application documents

Art. 4.1 Selection criteria

Candidates are selected on the basis of merit requirements.

Evaluation will be carried out by a Selection Committee appointed with subsequent provision.

Art. 4.2 Application documents

Students must submit the following documentation:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

1. A copy of their currently valid *Refugee Identity card* issued in collaboration with UNHCR or of their *PoR Card*
2. A Certificate confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen degree programme
3. An official transcript of exams passed including marks
4. Curriculum vitae drawn up according to the form available at <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/admission-criteria/>.
5. Any other document required for admission to the chosen degree programme

NON MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

5. Motivational letter (Maximum two pages)
6. Reference letter/s written by a supervisor or an advisor
7. Video-CV (e.g. using mobile phone) in which the candidates introduce themselves and explain their reasons. Some examples can be found using the Google search engine.

In this phase, translation of documents not in English, French, Spanish, German or Italian may be done directly by the candidate.

Art. 4.3 Deadline and submission

Applications can be sent no later than 15 April 2024.

Students must send applications, including all the documents listed above, exclusively through the form available on UNICORE website, at <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/admission-criteria/>.

Once the application has been submitted, a confirmation e-mail will be sent to the e-mail address indicated in the online form.

Incomplete or incorrect applications will not be considered. Students can apply for only one of the master's degree courses offered by the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli, and only for two universities among those participating in the UNICORE 6.0 project (including the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli). This is a mandatory

requirement: failure to comply with this clause will result in the immediate rejection of the application.

The documents referred to in art. 4.2 must also be sent to this University by sending them by e-mail to the address selezione.UNICORE6.0@unicampania.it within the deadlines of this announcement.

Art. 5 Selection process

The selection process is divided in two phases:

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

Art. 5.1 Phase 1: evaluation of documentation

The Selection Committee will evaluate the documentation received using the following criteria:

- Academic background and GPA (score:0-20)
- Curriculum Vitae (score:0-10)
- Coherence between previous studies and selected Second Cycle Degree programme (score: 0-10)

Candidates who obtain a score lower than 25 will not be admitted to the second qualification phase.

At the end of the first qualification phase – evaluation of titles - a merit ranking will be drawn up and only the first 15 candidates will access the interview phase. With the same score, the younger candidate precedes.

Candidates admitted to the second phase will be notified by e-mail by 30 April 2024, the partial ranking will also be published on the website www.unicampania.it, on the page dedicated to the initiative.

Art. 5.2 Phase 2: Online interview

All candidates admitted to Phase 2 will be interviewed by the Selection Committee, who will evaluate the technical and academic skills as well as their mastering of the English language.

The maximum score awarded will be 40 points.

Interviews will be scheduled in the period **between 1 and 30 May 2024** and will take place online.

The day and time of the interview will be published on the University website www.unicampania.it, and will also be notified to candidates by e-mail.

During the interview, candidates will be requested to show the *Refugee Identity Card* or the *PoR Card* used during the on-line application.

The interview will be held in English in order to assess the candidate's level of knowledge.

Art. 5.3 Establishment and approval of the final ranking list

Applicants who at the end of the two phases will have obtained a score lower than 50/80 will not be eligible.

The merit ranking will be drawn up by the Selection Committee by adding up the partial results obtained in the two selection phases.

Candidates will be listed in descending order of scores.

In order to guarantee equal access opportunities, two separate rankings will be drawn up based on the gender of the candidates, guaranteeing no. 2 grants to women candidates and no. 2 to male candidates. Only in the case that the list of the eligible candidates does not include representatives of the two genders, the grant will be awarded to candidates of the same gender.

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

The final ranking list will be published by **3 June 2024**, on the webpage www.unicampania.it. The University will also send an e-mail to the winners.

Art. 5.4 Acceptance

In order to confirm the grant, candidates must reply to the University communication **within 10 days** of the informative e-mail. Failure to provide a response by the deadline will determine automatic loss of the benefit.

By accepting the grant, the student fully accepts without reserve the benefits offered by the UNICORE 6.0 project at the conditions established in this call for applications. Candidates also declare under their own responsibility that they do not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in Art. 2 of this call for applications.

Art. 5.5 Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats

If one or more winners officially renounce the benefit within 10 days of the informative e-mail, the University will proceed with the scrolling of the ranking by assigning the grant to the next suitable candidates.

The University will proceed to scroll the ranking list every three days.

If, after having scrolled all the ranking, grants will still be available, the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli reserves the right to search for eligible candidates from other rankings issued by the Universities partners of the project.

The selected candidates must meet the specific admission requirements of the degree programmes of the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli.

ART. 6 Renewal

Art. 6.1 Renewal requirements

For the renewal of the grant, students must obtain at least 30 university credits (UC) by 10 August 2025. If the study plan of the first year of the degree programme in which the student is enrolled provides for less than 60 credits, the renewal requirement will be calculated on half of the credits foreseen for the first year.

In order to continue to enjoy the benefits, students must achieve at least 60 university credits (UC) by 10 August 2026.

Students must graduate by the last available session set in March 2027.

Art. 6.2 Additional renewals

Students who expect to fail to graduate by March 2027 can request for an additional 6 months renewal of the grant. Renewal can be granted on condition that at least 80 university credits (UC) have been completed by 31 March 2027. The renewal request must be submitted to the Student Office of the Department where they are enrolled.

ART. 7 Withdrawal

Students who withdraw their studies will automatically lose all benefits.

ART. 8 Personal data processing

Pursuant to art.13 and 14 of the GDPR-General Data Protection Regulation EU

n. 2016/679, the personal data provided by candidates will be collected by the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli for the purposes of managing the selection and will be processed in paper form and through an automated data base.

The data controller is the Rector of this University.

At any time, the interested party may assert his rights towards the data controller pursuant to Articles from 15 to 22 of the aforementioned EU Regulation 2016/679, including the right of accessing personal data, as well as some complementary rights, including the right to have data corrected, updated and completed or to have erroneous, incomplete data deleted also if collected in terms that do not comply with the law, as well as the right to oppose their processing for legitimate reasons.

These rights can be asserted by sending an e-mail to the DPO concerning: "Privacy rights" e-mail: rpd@unicampania.it or certified e-mail: rpd@pec.unicampania.it

For further and more detailed information, please refer to the privacy policy published on the University website at the following link: <https://www.unicampania.it/index.php/privacy>.

Art. 9 List of second level study courses provided at the University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli participating in the call

Architecture

[Architecture - Regeneration of built environment](#)

Math and Physics

[Physics](#)

[Data science](#)

Science and technology

[Molecular biotechnology](#)

Political sciences

[International relations and organisations](#)

Psychology

[Psychology of cognitive processes](#)

Signed by THE RECTOR
(Prof. Giovanni Francesco Nicoletti)

ATTACHMENT 1



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

Conversion table of foreign qualificationsexam evaluation

Candidates who have completed graduation exams in a foreign University have the availability on the site <http://www.university.it/> of a system for converting the marks obtained on the following formula:

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

V= grade to convert

V_{min} = minimum grade for passing in the home university

V_{max}= maximum grade in the home University

I_{min}= minimum grade for passing in Italian Universities (=18/30)

I_{max}= maximum grade in Italian Universities (=30/30)

For evaluations on a qualitative scale, reference is made to the following conversion tableEvaluation to

convert

	Grade
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