

**University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 7.0 (Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe 2025-27)**

Call for applications for 4 study grants for refugee students registering for 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 7.0 (Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe 2025/27)** project is to promote the right to high education for refugees, through educational corridors from Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and 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 Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and admitted to one of the second cycle programmes listed in Article 9.

The benefits will be assigned for the academic years 2025/2026 and 2026/2027. 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 Diocese of Caserta. Support is contingent upon the signing of the Cooperation Agreement for the services offered.

### **1.2 Benefits**

The benefits will be partially guaranteed by the University and partially by the Diocese of Caserta according to the following scheme:

### **The University of Campania Luigi Vanvitelli will guarantee:**

- A study grant worth €6,720.00 per year, paid in monthly installments, following communication from the Head 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 initial 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 from among those enrolled in the same study programme chosen by the beneficiary;
- A free Italian language course;
- Provision, for the duration of the course, of a laptop computer to facilitate study and career management on the platforms used by the University;
- The Internationalization Office staff will be available to assist the student in all phases of the Project and to the extent applicable.

### **The 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.

### **ART. 2 Incompatibility**

The UNICORE 7.0 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 to candidates who:

1. Are residing in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and 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 cycle 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 1 of this call will be used;
5. The degree must have been obtained no earlier than 2020 and no later than 18 April 2025;
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: 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). The document must be in English.
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 motivations. 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 submitted from the publication of this call until no later than 18 April 2025 (noon, UTC+2). Students must submit the applications, including all the documents listed above, exclusively through the UNICORE website platform, at: <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/>.

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 7.0 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.

### **Art. 5 Selection process**

The selection process is divided into two phases:

- Phase 1: evaluation of the documentation;
- Phase 2: online interview.

#### **Art. 5.1 Phase 1: Evaluation of the 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 the 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 5 May 2025; the partial ranking will also be published on the University website [www.unicampania.it](http://www.unicampania.it), within 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 12 and 30 May 2025 and will take place online.

The day and time of the interview will be published on the University website [www.unicampania.it](http://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 **10 June 2025**, on the webpage [www.unicampania.it](http://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 7.0 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 2026. If the study plan for 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 2027.

Students must graduate by the last available session set in March 2028.

### **Art. 6.2 Additional renewals**

Students who expect not to graduate by March 2028 can request an additional 6-month renewal of the grant. Renewal can be granted on condition that at least 80 university credits (UC) have been completed by 31 March 2028. 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 database.

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 at: [rp@unicampania.it](mailto:rp@unicampania.it) or via certified e-mail at: [rp@pec.unicampania.it](mailto:rp@pec.unicampania.it).

For further and more detailed information, please refer to the privacy policy published on the University website at the following link: [Privacy and Cookie Policy](#).

## **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.](#)

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**ATTACHMENT 1**



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**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<sub>min</sub>=Voto minimo per la sufficienza nell'Università di provenienza

V<sub>max</sub>= Voto massimo nell'Università di provenienza

I<sub>min</sub>= Voto minimo per la sufficienza nelle Università Italiane (= 18/30)

I<sub>max</sub>= 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<sub>min</sub> = minimum grade for passing in the home university

V<sub>max</sub>= maximum grade in the home University

I<sub>min</sub>= minimum grade for passing in Italian Universities (=18/30)

I<sub>max</sub>= maximum grade in Italian Universities (=30/30)

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

convert

	Grade
A	30
B	28
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