

## NOTICE

Extension of the deadline and change of the admission requirements of the Call for applications University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 4.0

The following changes have been made in the Call for applications UNICORE 4.0

1. Candidates with the status of refugee in **Malawi, Mozambico, Sudafrica, Zambia e Zimbabwe** can also apply;
2. The deadline to apply for UNICORE scholarship is postpone to the 31st of May 2022; the selection process will be carried out according to the following deadlines:
  - within the 16th of June 2022: notification and publication on the University website of the list of candidates admitted to the interviews;
  - From 21st of June 2022: interviews
  - Within the 15th of July 2022: ranking publication
  - Within the 31st August 2022: search for eligible candidates from other universities ranking, in case of vacant seats.

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**University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 4.0 2022-24  
Call for applications for 2 scholarships for refugee candidates in Nigeria, Niger  
and Cameroon eligible for admission to English taught master's degrees  
at University of Brescia 2022-2023 a.y.**

***ART.1***

***Goals and duration***

The general aim of the project named University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 4.0 (Nigeria, Niger and Cameroon 2022-24) is to promote the refugees' right to higher education through university corridors to Italy. The project is jointly promoted by a consortium:

- United nations High commissioner for refugees (UNHCR)
- Caritas Italiana
- Diaconia Valdese
- Italian Ministry for foreign affairs and international cooperation (MAECI)
- Centro Astalli – JRS Jesuits service for refugees in Italy

The project addresses to candidates with refugee status living in Nigeria, Niger and Cameroon and aiming at enrolling in one of the following English taught master's degrees (two years) at University of Brescia for 2022/2023 a.y.:

- Civil and environmental engineering
- Communication technologies and multimedia
- Management (Curriculum International business or Curriculum Green economy and sustainability).

Scholarships and benefits will be awarded for 2022/2023 a.y. and for the next 2023/2024 a.y. Requirements for scholarships and benefits renewal are indicated under art. 5.

The two winners will be awarded scholarships and benefits as follows:

- Full coverage of expenses to be faced before arriving in Italy: flight tickets, costs for getting visa and costs involved in preparing documents concerning foreign academic qualifications (CARITAS Italiana);
- Yearly scholarship of € 5.750,00. Scholarship payment procedures are indicated under art. 6. The requirements for scholarships and benefits renewal are indicated under art. 5.
- Exemption from university contribution, except for regional fee and stamp duty, both for the first and following years;
- Accommodation in university residences, upon payment of the lowest rate;

- Canteen service, upon payment of the lowest rate;
- Senior students Tutorship over the standard duration of the master's degree, aiming at supporting administrative procedures, learning activities and inclusion in the students' community;
- counselling for enrollment procedures by International students' admission Unit;
- free of charge registration in Italian language courses organized by the Linguistic center of University of Brescia in the 2022/2024 period;

Further support services – for example psychological counselling, cultural and linguistic mediation – will be offered by local partners of the project upon specific agreements with University of Brescia.

## ***ART.2***

### ***Admission requirements***

Application is open only to candidates who meet the following requirements:

1. living in Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon;
2. having obtained the status of refugee by the authorities of Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon;
3. having achieved their academic qualification in a non-EU country and suitable for admission to the selected Italian master's degree;
4. the degree must:
  - be issued at an officially accredited higher education institution
  - be comparable to a first cycle degree according to QF-EHEA
  - allowing access to the next academic level comparable to a second cycle degree according to QFEHEA
  - be issued after 2017 and no later than 31st of March 2022;
5. having achieved a GPA-Grade point average of at least 3.0 out of a maximum of 4.0;
6. meeting the specific admission requirements relevant to the master's degree, except for English proficiency;
7. having undertaken an English taught academic study programme or having passed English language exams at academic level;
8. not being previously registered in an academic study programme at University of Brescia or at any other Italian university member of UNICORE consortium.

## ***ART.3***

### ***Application submission***

Applications must be sent via email to [internationalscholarships@unibs.it](mailto:internationalscholarships@unibs.it) from 1 April 2022 (noon, UTC+1) to 29 April 2022 (noon, UTC+1).

Candidates have to send the duly signed application form attached to this call, along with the mandatory documents.

Candidates can apply for one master's degree only held at University of Brescia and no more than two universities that are partners in the project if two universities and must indicate the order of priority.

Applications will not be accepted if they are incomplete and / or are sent without the required documents and / or are received after the deadline.

Candidates must submit the following scanned documents in Italian or English language (documents translated by candidates are accepted at application step):

### **MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:**

1. Signed application form (use the attached form, only);
2. Valid Refugee Identity card issued in cooperation with UNHCR or valid PoR Card;

3. Certification stating the achievement of an academic title suitable for accessing the selected Italian master's degree;
4. Certification with the list of the exams passed and marks obtained;
5. Detailed and signed Curriculum vitae;
6. Certification or self-declaration about English language proficiency.

#### **OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS:**

7. A motivation letter (max two pages) or a short video-CV (candidates can use their mobile phone for recording it), where they introduce themselves and explain their motivations;
8. A reference letter written by supervisor / advisor supporting the application.

#### ***ART.4***

##### ***Selection process***

The selection process will be performed in two steps:

- First step: assessment of CV and documents concerning foreign qualification
- Second step: on-line interview

#### **First step: assessment of received documents**

The appointed Commission will assess documents according to the following criteria:

- Academic background and GPA (score range: 0-15)
- Curriculum Vitae: evaluation of personal skills and professional experience (score range: 0-15)
- Affinity of the foreign higher education pathway with the selected master's degree (score range: 0-10)

The maximum score assigned in the first step will be 40 points.

At the end of the First evaluation step a provisional ranking list will be drawn up by the appointed Commission and the first 6 candidates in the ranking list will be admitted to the Second step based on on-line interviews. For equal points, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

Candidates admitted to the Second step will be notified by email within 9 May 2022; the provisional ranking list will be also published in [www.unibs.it](http://www.unibs.it) (in the page assigned to the UNICORE 4.0 project).

#### **Second step: on-line interview**

Candidates admitted to the Second step will be interviewed by the appointed Commission, who will evaluate their technical skills, competence about the master's degree major and English language proficiency.

The maximum score assigned in the first step will be 40 points.

Interview will be scheduled on-line from 12 May 2022 onward.

Candidates will be notified by email about interview date and hour. The venue will be also published in [www.unibs.it](http://www.unibs.it) (in the page assigned to the UNICORE 4.0 project).

At the beginning of the interview, candidates must exhibit the Refugee Identity Card or PoR Card sent along with the application form.

#### ***Art.4.1***

##### ***Preparation of the final ranking list***

The final ranking list will be drawn up by the appointed Commission summing up for any candidate the points assigned in the two evaluation steps.

Only those candidates obtaining a final score equal to or better than 50/80 points will be considered eligible and included in the ranking.

In the event of applicants with the same scoring, priority shall be given to the younger.

The winners will be notified by email within 10 June 2022 and the final ranking list will be also published at [www.unibs.it](http://www.unibs.it) (in the page assigned to the UNICORE 3.0 project).

#### ***Art.4.2***

##### ***Acceptance***

In order to confirm scholarship acceptance, candidates must reply to the university email within 10 days from receipt. Failing to provide feedback by the deadline will cause the loss of admission and financial benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, candidates fully accept without reservations UNICORE 4.0 project support and financial benefits at the conditions indicated in this call. Upon acceptance, candidates also confirm under their responsibility that they do not fall under any of the conditions of incompatibility established in the article 11 of this call.

**Art.4.3**  
***Merit ranking list flow system***

In case one or both winners will officially withdraw from admission and financial benefits, scholarship will be awarded to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

In case of vacant seats at the end of ranking list flowing, the University of Brescia reserves the right by 20 July 2022 to search for eligible candidates from rankings of other universities partners. Eligible candidates from external rankings must meet the specific admission requirements for the master's degrees held at University of Brescia.

**ART.5**  
***Renewal requirements***

The winners will have their scholarship renewed, provided that they obtain, by 10 August 2023, at least 24 CFUs.

**Art. 6**  
***Payment of scholarships***

The scholarships of the first year will be paid on a monthly basis and with the deduction of the accommodation fees (if the student request accommodation in the university residences) as following:

- For the first 50%: the first instalment within 30 days from the notification to the UOC Diritto allo Studio of the Credit Agricole bank account information on which the scholarship must be paid. The entire amount for the a.y. 2022/2023 of the accommodation fees will be deducted from this first half.
- For the remaining 50%: upon obtaining 9 CFUs.

The scholarships for the second year will be confirmed after the verification of registration in the academic year 2023/2024 and have obtained the CFUs provided for in art. 5. The second-year scholarship will also be paid on a monthly basis and with the deduction of accommodation fees.

Scholarship will be paid exclusively by bank transfer on the bank account provided by Crédit Agricole on the Student Card that allows students to access the university services and that can be activated free of charge, once enrolled.

For further information please visit: [www.unibs.it/funzionalità-bancaria-della-student-card](http://www.unibs.it/funzionalità-bancaria-della-student-card)

**Art. 7**  
***Taxation***

For scholarships awarded to students with foreign citizenship, the exemption laid down in art.3, paragraph 3, letter d-ter of the TUIR (Income Tax Consolidation Act) applies.

**ART.8**  
***Enrollment***

Information concerning procedures and deadline for enrollment will be sent to the winners by the International students admission Unit.

Document required for enrollment are as follows:

- original diploma (or replacement certificate) concerning the foreign academic degree achieved, in Italian or English language, legalized by the authorities in the country of issuance and with Declaration of value issued by the Italian Representation operating in the country where the qualification was awarded;
- certification with the list of exams taken and relevant marks, in Italian or English language, legalized by the authorities in the country of issuance.

Instead of Legalization and Declaration of value, university of Brescia accepts respectively the Statement of verification and the Statement of comparability issued by CIMEA Italian Board. Candidates must also submit study visa and travel documents suitable for entering Italy and for temporary residence, pursuant to current Italian regulations.

#### ***ART. 9***

##### ***Withdrawal***

Students who will withdraw from the study programme after enrollment will lose all the financial benefits.

#### ***ART. 10***

##### ***Fees, accommodation and restaurant services***

Scholarship recipients are exempted from the payment of university fees except for the regional fee and the stamp duty (156.00 €).

They also have a reserved place in the university residences which is charged at the first price bracket for services for the right to education. Accommodation shall be requested upon acceptance of the scholarship.

Catering service, if requested, is charged at the first price bracket for services for the right to education

#### ***ART.11***

##### ***Incompatibility***

The UNICORE 4.0 scholarships cannot be combined with:

- Merit-based or income-based grants / prizes offered by University of Brescia;
- Study grants issued by Italian Ministry for foreign affairs and international cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI grants for holders of international protection;
- Scholarships addressing to international students and issued by foreign governments and bodies upon agreements with University of Brescia;
- Regional scholarships (DSU);

#### ***ART. 12***

##### ***International mobility programme***

Students awarded with an international scholarship may participate in an international mobility programme for a maximum length of six months.

#### ***ART.13***

##### ***Protection of personal data***

The processing of personal data provided by candidates for the aforementioned purposes is carried out in compliance with the EU Regulation - GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation). The Data Controller is the University of Brescia, in the person of the Magnificent Chancellor, who has appointed as Data Protection Officer (DPO) the Company Frareg S.r.l. in the person of Dr. Giovanni Parravicini, who can be contacted at the following email address: rpd@unibs.it. The processing of the personal data provided by the candidates when participating in the selection of this Call for Applications is aimed solely at carrying out selection activities and will be carried out by the personnel in charge of the procedure, including through the use of computerised procedures, in the ways and within the limits necessary to pursue the aforementioned purposes, even in the event of disclosure to third parties. The processing will also be carried out by Cineca - Consorzio interuniversitario. This data must be provided for evaluation

of the participation requirements, under penalty of exclusion from the selection procedure. The data transmitted by the data subject will be processed by means of appropriate guarantees and security measures - manual and/or electronic, in order to ensure their protection and confidentiality. For any complaint arising from the processing of data, the data subject may contact the Guarantor for the protection of personal data and other competent public bodies. To exercise their rights, the data subject may contact the Data Controller. Further information is available on the University website at the following link: [www.unibs.it/privacy](http://www.unibs.it/privacy).

***Art. 14***

***Procedure Manager***

In accordance with Law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, Dr. Silvia Coppi, Head of the Services for the Right to Higher Education Unit of the University of Brescia, Viale Europa 39 - Brescia.

***Art. 15***

***Final provisions***

We inform you that, on the basis of art. 71 of Presidential Decree 445 of 28/12/2000, the Administration will carry out appropriate checks, including sample checks and in all cases where there are well-founded doubts as to the truthfulness of what has been declared. For all matters not covered by this call for applications, the laws and regulations in force regarding public competitions and university study awards will apply.

Information relating to this call and registration procedures may be requested at U.O.C. Diritto allo Studio - Università degli Studi di Brescia, Viale Europa 39 - Brescia, [internationalscholarships@unibs.it](mailto:internationalscholarships@unibs.it)

Brescia,

THE CHANCELLOR

Prof. Maurizio Tira

Signed digitally pursuant to art. 24 of Legislative Decree 82/05