University Corridors for Refugees - 2.0 (Ethiopia - 2020/2022)

THE UNICORE 2.0 PROJECT

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 2.0 project is to promote the right to high education for refugees through study corridors from Ethiopia to Italy.
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)
- University of Florence
- All the other universities signing the cooperation agreement for the project "University Corridors for Refugees - 2.0 (Ethiopia - 2020/2022)"

The University of Florence participate in the project with a call for applications for 2 study grants and welcome services for refugee students registering for Second cycle degree programmes taught in English.

LIST OF THE SECOND CYCLE PROGRAMMES TAUGHT IN ENGLISH, PARTICIPATING IN THE CALL FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE

School of Agriculture
- Natural Resources Management for Tropical Rural Development

School of Architecture
- Architecture (*Curriculum: Architectural Design*)

School of Economics and Management
- Design of Sustainable Tourism Systems
- Economics and Development
- Finance and Risk Management

School of Engineering
- Geoengineering

School of Humanities and Education
- Geography, Spatial Management, Heritage for International Cooperation

School of Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences
- Advanced Molecular Sciences
- Computer Science (*Curriculum: Resilient and Secure Cyber Physical Systems*)

School of Political Science
- International Relations and European Studies

Any candidate may opt for maximum three Programmes

We strongly suggest candidates to apply for no more of two different Italian Universities and to concentrate their choice on the programmes in which they meet the specific entry requirements.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

 May 20, 2020 at 12:00 pm (Italian Official Time)

HOW TO APPLY
Application form must be sent exclusively via email to unicore@unifi.it along with the following documents:
1. The Ration Card Number of their Proof of Registration or Refugee Identity Card, issued by Ethiopian authorities and UNHCR.
2. An official certificate of the first level degree, issued by the awarding university, confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen master programme.
3. An official transcript of exams passed and relative marks.

Any relevant and additional document required by the specific programmes chosen

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.

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

The email must bear as object: **UNICORE 2.0 and the name and surname of the candidate**

BENEFITS AND SUPPORT 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:

- Monthly scholarship.

- Housing and Board.

- Full tuition fee reduction.

- Coverage of extra expenses as better specified in the call.

- Mentoring service for all the duration of the studies.

- Full support from the International Desk staff and by the teaching staff in charge of the project.

More specifically, eligible candidates will receive the following benefits:

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.

€ 5,000 per year of study.

Free accommodation in one of our student dorms

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

 A personal computer, offered by Caritas Italiana.

€ 2,400 per year of study covered by Diaconia Valdese

SELECTION PROCESS

Step 1 - Evaluation of the documentation. : Candidates admitted to the interview will be notified by **email by May 29, 2020**

Step 2 – Interview: starting from June 1st, 2020,interviews will be conducted via web on services such as Skype, Google Hangouts or Whatsapp

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.

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.

FINAL RANKING LIST

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.

The list of eligible applicants for the University of Florence, including the ones not selected for the available seats, will be published by June 30 on www.unifi.it/unicore and on http://universitycorridors.unhcr.it

Candidates selected as winners can withdraw by sending an e-mail to unicore@unifi.it
In case a candidate winner of the scholarship will withdraw by July 15, 2020, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the gender-based ranking.

USEFUL CONTACTS

For guidance when filling the application for the Programmes offered by the University of Florence, candidates can contact the International desk:

Telephone: (+39) 055/2756.962/963 from Monday to Thursday 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. (Italian Official Time) or send an email to unicore@unifi.it

To learn more, please consult the call

Attachment n. 1: APPLICATION FORM

Attachment n. 2: ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

Attachment n. 3: Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)