



## **University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 3.0 (Ethiopia 2021-2023)**

**Call for Applications for a study grant and the admission to the Master's Degree Programme**

**INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT**

**Reserved to applicant refugees residing in Ethiopia**

**Academic Year 2021-2022**

**Applications must be sent to [relint@unimore.it](mailto:relint@unimore.it): 1 March to 1 April 2021 at 12:00 pm (Italian time)**

### **Art. 1 – Objective**

The general objective of the **University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 3.0 (Ethiopia 2021/2023)** project is to promote the right to higher education for refugees through study corridors from Ethiopia to Italy. In addition to the benefits described below, the winner of this selection will be entitled to enrol in the Master's Degree Programme in International Management, which is taught entirely in English, at the Department of Economics Marco Biagi of UNIMORE – [www.economia-unimore.it](http://www.economia-unimore.it).

### **Art. 2 National Partners**

The project is promoted by a consortium of partners: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Italian Caritas, Diaconia Valdese, Centro Astalli, Gandhi Charity, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MAECI) and other Italian Universities better described in the national protocol to which the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNIMORE) has also adhered, by resolution of the Board of Directors of 12 February 2021.

### **Art. 3 Local Partners**

ERGO -Agenzia Regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario (regional agency for the right to university education) and other local partners will support the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and contribute to the local development of the project. The support to the project depends on the creation of a partnership with the afore-mentioned institutions. More details of the services offered by the partners will be found in their agreement letters to join the partnership.

### **Art. 4 Benefits and supports offered**

The beneficiary of the Unimore 3.0 project will receive specific economic aids and supports by UNIMORE and local partners, as listed in detail below:

- Study grant of EUR 5,400 per year, financed by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia. The amount will be paid in annual instalments and will be subject to the achievement of merit requirements. The winner will be provided with more information when enrolling;
- Exemption from university fees (Unimore);

- EUR 420 refund for regional tax (ERGO);
- Free accommodation in a university residence starting from August or September (ERGO);
- EUR 300 annual allowance for the catering service (ERGO);
- Up to EUR 300/month allowance for two years, for socialisation and integration initiatives (Caritas Diocesana Modenese);
- EUR 300 allowance for student management expenses upon arrival (Federmanager);
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- Availability of a support family caring for the student's well-being and personal path (Caritas Diocesana Modenese);
- Support during socialisation and integration meetings (Caritas Diocesana Modenese – Casa delle Donne Migranti Semira Adamu - partner institutions of the Osservatorio Migranti of CRID - Centro di Ricerca Interdipartimentale su Discriminazioni e vulnerabilità, Arci);
- Welcome kit (ERGO);
- Bicycle (ERGO);
- PC on a free loan (ERGO);
- Italian language course (Municipality of Modena - Casa delle Donne Migranti Semira Adamu);
- Legal guidance and support (Municipality of Modena);
- Medical and psychological care (Municipality of Modena);
- Allowance for public transport pass (Municipality of Modena)
- EUR 1,500 allowance for a possible post-graduate internship (ERGO);
- Psychological assistance (Approdi).

#### **Art. 5 Incompatibility**

The UNICORE 3.0 project cannot be used in conjunction with other study grants from public or private institutions, including the study grants given to international students by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as any other money contribution and/or provision of services with the same purposes. If awarded another study grant, the student may still choose the benefit provided for in this call of applications, entailing documented withdrawal from the other study grant.

#### **Art. 6 Eligibility requirements**

The selection is reserved to applicants meeting the following requirements:

1. they must reside in Ethiopia and have obtained the status of refugees by virtue of the intervention of the UNHCR;
2. they have obtained a university degree (Bachelor level) awarded by a university recognised by the Ministry of Education of the Country issuing the qualification and allowing for the admission to a local Master's Degree Programme
3. the university degree was obtained between year 2016 and 1 April 2021;

4. they have at least a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) based on the Ethiopian university system on higher education;
5. their knowledge of the English language is at least at level B1 of the Common European Reference Framework.
6. they have never been enrolled in a degree programme at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia or any other project partner before;
7. they have a suitable knowledge of the following subjects: Business Administration, Marketing, Management, Economics, Statistics and Mathematics.

#### **Art. 7 – Applications**

Applicants must submit the following documents:

1. Application (annex 1 to this call for applications) duly filled out in English
2. Copy of a valid *Refugee Identity Card* issued in collaboration with the UNHCR or *Proof of Registration Card*
3. University degree certificate (Bachelor level) indicating the examinations passed and relevant scores
4. Motivation letter
5. At least B1 English language certificate (Common European Reference Framework) if the skill level is not clearly inferable from the study programme or, alternatively, the language skills will be assessed in an interview.

All submitted documents must be in English or in Italian. Any document submitted in a language other than Italian or English must be supported by their English or Italian translation on plain paper (not letterhead paper)

Applications and all documents listed above must be sent by email only to [relint@unimore.it](mailto:relint@unimore.it) by 1 April 2021 at 12:00 pm (official Italian time) specifying “CALL UNICORE 3.0- applicant’s name and last name” in the object.

The applications not properly filled out and non including all documents required will not be accepted.

Students are recommended to apply for a maximum of 2 Italian universities among the participants to the Unicore 3.0. project, available at the link <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/> to have the opportunity to be reassigned to the second university.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT

All applicants who are interested in the master’s degree programme in International Management are invited to attend the presentation of the degree programme that will be held on

**31 March 2021 at 12:00 pm CET**

**The event will take place on MEET at the following link: [meet.google.com/zkt-bivk-nka](https://meet.google.com/zkt-bivk-nka).**

Attendees must book their seat by sending an e-mail to [lara.liverani@unimore.it](mailto:lara.liverani@unimore.it)

#### **Art. 8 - Selection of applicants**

The selection process based on merit requirements is entrusted to an examination board to be appointed by Rectoral Decree. The selection process includes two stages:

- Stage 1: documentation assessment (maximum score is 40 points)
- Stage 2: online interview (maximum score is 40 points)

### **8.1 Stage 1 - Documentation assessment**

The examination board will assess the documentation received and check whether the applicant's qualification is suitable for the admission to the Master's Degree Programme in International Management. A score will be assigned to it based on the following criteria:

- Academic background and GPA (score: 0-15)
- Evaluation of CV: professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-15)
- Personal motivation and coherence between previous studies and the Master's Degree Programme in International Management (score: 0-10)

Applicants obtaining a score lower than 25 points will not be admitted to stage 2 of the selection process. Applicants obtaining a score equal to or higher than 25 points will be admitted to stage 2 and will receive a notification email by 30/04/2021 with the invitation to take the interview.

### **8.2 Stage 2: Online interview**

Applicants admitted to stage 2 will be interviewed by the examination board to verify their motivation, skills, and master of the English language.

The interview will be assessed on a 40 point scale. Applicants obtaining a score equal to or higher than 25 points will be eligible for the final ranking.

The interviews will be scheduled starting from 24 May 2021 and will be held online. Applicants will be communicated the date and time of the interview by email. At the online interview, applicants must show their *Refugee Identity Card* or *Proof of Registration Card*.

### **Art. 9 Ranking**

The ranking of suitable applicants will be drawn up by the examination board and approved by Rectoral Decree, based on the sum of the scores obtained in stage 1 and stage 2. Applicants obtaining an overall score lower than 50/80 will not be deemed eligible.

The ranking will be published on the website <https://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-unicore.html> by 25 June 2021. The winner will also be notified by email.

The ranking will be drawn up without showing the applicants' names, as only their *refugee ID card number* or *ration card number of PoR* will be listed, and an equal opportunity criterion will apply: where the score is equal, women applicants will be preferred. Where the score is equal between applicants of the same year, the younger applicant will be preferred.

### **Art. 10 Obligations**

#### **10.1 Accepting the study grant**

The applicant ranked first will be assigned the economic and support benefits subject to the acceptance of the study grant by sending an email to [relint@unimore.it](mailto:relint@unimore.it) within 8 days following the notification email, or the right to the study grant will be lost.

By accepting the study grant, the winner confirms under his/her responsibility not to fall within any of the incompatibility conditions under Art. 5 of this call for applications. Should the winner applicant have applied for other study grants and is still waiting for the result, s/he must indicate it anyway.

If the applicant first in the ranking does not confirm his/her acceptance of the study grant or fails to send the acceptance email by 3 July 2021, the study grant will be assigned to the eligible applicant next in the ranking.

If there are places still available after scrolling down the ranking, UNIMORE reserves the right to search for a suitable applicant within the rankings of the partner universities in the project by 20 July 2021. The applicant identified shall meet the specific requirements of the Master's Degree Programme in International Management.

## **10.2 Degree programme enrolment**

The winner applicant confirming the acceptance of the study grant is automatically admitted to the Master's Degree Programme in International Management.

To obtain a study visa, a pre-enrolment request must be submitted on the UNIVERSITALY website by clicking on the link <https://www.universitaly.it/index.php/registration/firststep>. The pre-enrolment application is automatically sent to UNIMORE for validation. UNIMORE will inform the Italian Consular Authority of the admission to the study programme and the benefits awarded to the winner of the selection.

Documents required for the enrolment, to be submitted **by 20 December 2021**:

- 1) translation and legalisation of the University Degree Diploma, issued by the Italian Embassy/Consulate
- 2) declaration of value of the university degree diploma, issued by the Italian Embassy/Consulate in the country to which the school issuing the qualification belongs or, alternatively, statements issued by ENIC-NARIC centres

The office responsible for enrolments is the Registrar's Office of the Department of Economics, email [segrstud.economia@unimore.it](mailto:segrstud.economia@unimore.it)

The winner applicant may contact the International Welcome Desk of UNIMORE [internationalwelcomedesk@unimore.it](mailto:internationalwelcomedesk@unimore.it) for information on any quarantine periods envisaged when arriving in Italy or for help with administrative formalities, including: residence permit request, tax code, opening of a current account, health insurance, etc... Registration to the platform [www.isu-services.it/it/universities/universita-di-modena](http://www.isu-services.it/it/universities/universita-di-modena) is required to book a service.

## **Art. 11 Merit requirements for the continuation of benefits**

Merit requirements to maintain the annual benefits are as follows:

- For the first year: acquisition of 18 CFU (University Credits) by 10 August 2022.
- For the second year: acquisition of 54 CFU (University Credits) by 10 August 2023.

Students are required to graduate by the last valid session of their year of enrolment (by 20 April 2024).

Students not planning to graduate by April 2024 may obtain the benefits for a further year, subject to the acquisition of at least 93 CFU by 10 August 2024.

## **Art. 12. Withdrawal from studies**

The winner applicant of this selection who, after enrolling to the master's degree programme in International Management, withdraws from his/her studies, loses the right to all benefits.

### **Art. 13 Processing of personal data**

The data collected will be processed in accordance with the regulations on personal data protection of the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia- <https://www.unimore.it/hreg/RegolamentoPrivacy.pdf>

The personal data collected will also be processed under the data protection policy of the UNHCR Available at: <https://www.refworld.org/docid/55643c1d4.html> and relevant guide available at: <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5b360f4d4.html>

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truthfulness of the information provided. Without prejudice to any penalties under Art. 76 of Pres. Decree no. 445/2000, if such verification detects any fraudulent information, the applicant loses his/her right to economic benefits.

### **Art.14 Publication of the call for applications**

This call for applications is published in the University Registry and on the website <https://www.unimore.it/bandi/StuLau-unicore.html>

### **Art.15 Miscellanea**

Against the content of this provision, an appeal may be lodged before the Administrative Court of Regione Emilia Romagna or extraordinary appeal before the President of the Republic in accordance with the law. Any appeal shall be notified to this Administration exclusively by sending an e-mail to the following certified e-mail address: [direzionelegale@pec.unimore.it](mailto:direzionelegale@pec.unimore.it)

### **Art. 16 Person in charge of the procedure**

Under Art. 5 of law no. 241 of 7 August 1990, the person in charge of the procedure is Ms. Barbara Villani – e-mail: [relint@unimore.it](mailto:relint@unimore.it)

### **ANNEXES:**

- Application form
- Information Sheet of the Master's Degree Programme in International Management

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