



Innovation and Internationalisation Department
Internationalisation Area - International Students Section

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2 SCHOLARSHIPS
“UNICORE 6.0 – A.Y. 2024-2025/2025-2026”
FOR INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE STUDENTS IN KENYA, MOZAMBIQUE,
NIGER, NIGERIA, SOUTH AFRICA, TANZANIA, UGANDA, ZAMBIA AND
ZIMBABWE**

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Executive Decree

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Deadline for submission
of applications:
**15 April 2024, at noon (12:00) UTC+2
(noon/midday, Italian time)**

ART.1 - The Project's Objective

The aim of the UNICORE 6.0 (University Corridors for Refugees) project is to promote the right to higher education for refugees through the creation of university corridors from Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe to Italy.

UNICORE 6.0 is supported by a consortium of international, national and local partners, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), the University of Turin (UNITO) and other Italian universities.

ART. 1.1 – Purpose of the scholarship and duration

The University of Turin funds 2 two-year money and service scholarships for students enrolling for the academic year 2024-2025 in one of the following postgraduate degree programs without a restricted number of places and held in English:

- **[Animal nutrition and Feed Safety](#)** (curriculum in English language of the degree in **Animal Science**, University campus in Grugliasco, 10 km from Turin, reachable by train/bus)
- **[Area and Global Studies for International Cooperation](#)**
Department of Cultures, Politics and Society
- **[Biotechnology for Neuroscience](#)**



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- Department of Neurosciences "Rita Levi Montalcini"
- [Cellular and Molecular Biology](#)
Department of Life Sciences and Systems Biology
 - [Language Technologies and Digital Humanities](#)
Department of Humanities
 - [Philosophy \(International Curriculum\)](#)
Department of Philosophy and Education Science
– (University campus in Grugliasco, 10 km from Turin, reachable by train/bus)
Department of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences
 - [Viticultural and enological sciences \(International curriculum\)](#)
Department of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences

ART.1.2 Composition of the scholarship

The scholarship includes:

- a money benefit in the annual amount of € 7,000 (gross percipient), for the academic years 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 (UniTo);
- exemption from the payment of any amount due for university enrolment for the academic year 2024/2025 and for the academic year 2025/2026, with the exception of the first instalment of the student contribution, corresponding to the regional tax for university study right and the duty stamp, in accordance with the Fees and Contributions Regulations in force at the time of enrolment and subject to approval by the relevant academic bodies of UNITO;
- housing service at EDISU facilities, paid for by the University, for the duration of the scholarship;
- monthly supply of food parcels paid for by Unione Pastorale Migranti (hereafter UPM) following actual enrolment for the duration of the scholarship;
- a space for listening, information, orientation and facilitation of access to services in the area, with particular reference to **health services provided by the voluntary associations** which are part of the network (UPM);
- educational support and Italian language courses by volunteers with appropriate skills and professional training (UPM);
- support to the social inclusion of project beneficiaries through its social and cultural activities.

The following support services are also provided by the University of Turin:

- reception, orientation, integration and welcoming in the reference university and social context;
- assistance in the procedures for university enrolment;
- cultural mediation and psychological support services;
- academic tutoring;
- support services for the processing of residence permit applications;



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- customised accommodation services for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders;
- opportunity to participate in an Italian language course.

The Synodal Commission for the Diacony (Diaconia Valdese) also provides with financial contributions to cover the administrative expenses related to the finalisation of enrolment and renewal of enrolment in the second year of the Postgraduate Degree program, the application for a residence permit for study purposes (amounting to €118.46 unless later amended) and the subsequent renewal (amounting to €118.46 unless later amended), the costs relating to the activation of a health insurance policy for the entire duration of the protocol. In addition, the costs of a telephone SIM card and the payment of the first month's subscription and an urban transport subscription are covered, providing coverage for the first year for students registered with UNITO. Personalized support services is also provided to deal with administrative procedures and access to local services, orientation to extracurricular activities and support for social inclusion.

The scholarships in this call for applications are not compatible with any scholarships granted by other public and/or private institutions.

ART. 2 - Admission requirements

Candidates must meet the following **requirements** before this Call's deadline, under penalty of exclusion:

1. Being resident in Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe and holding the refugee status in the country of residence in cooperation with UNHCR;
2. Holding [a qualification suitable for enrolment](#) for the 2024/2025 academic year in one of the degree courses without a restricted number of places at the University of Turin referred to in Article 1.1, obtained no earlier than 01/01/2019 and no later than 15/04/2024;
3. Holding a GPA (Grade Point Average) equal to or higher than 3.0, i.e., an average of at least 24/30 referred to the Italian system. For the conversion of the average in the Italian system, the official conversion formula of the Italian Ministry of Education found at <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/admission-criteria> will be used;
4. Meeting the admission requirements specific to the selected study course, to be checked on the relevant website;
5. NOT having ever been enrolled in a degree course at UNITO or at another UNICORE project partner university;
6. holding a knowledge of the English language at or above CEFR level B2. Students with a language certificate of level B2 or higher must enclose it with their application, since it will be assessed. Linguistic competence can also be demonstrated by attaching to the application an English language certificate from among the following: BEC Vantage, FCE Grade B and C, IELTS 5.5-6.5, TOEFL iBT 87- 109, Trinity College ISE II;



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7. NOT being pre-enrolled on the University platform at another Italian university.

ART. 3 - Submission of applications

Applications must be submitted **by 15 April 2024** at noon (**12:00 UTC+2 – noon Italian time**) exclusively via the online procedure published on the website <https://universitycorridors.unhcr.it/admission-criteria/>, attaching:

- a) copy of valid Refugee Identity card or Proof of Registration;
- b) original foreign academic qualification (bachelor's degree) and its official study plan (*transcript of records*) stamped and signed by the foreign academic institution.

Documents are accepted in Italian, English, French and Spanish; if they have been issued in other languages, they must be provided with an official translation into English or Italian;

- c) motivation letter in English;
- d) curriculum vitae;
- e) **any** certification of language competence in English, equal to at least level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), if hold.

The submission of fraudulent study documents is a crime. All documents submitted by candidates will be carefully checked by the selection committee.

The attached documents must be legible and in PDF format, under penalty of exclusion from the selection. Once the application has been submitted, it will not be possible to edit it.

Incomplete applications, applications received after the deadline or sent to email accounts other than unicore@unito.it through the dedicated online procedure, multiple applications sent from different email addresses will not be considered.

ART. 4. – Procedures for admission to the study course and allocation of UNICORE scholarships

The applications received will be selected on the basis of compliance with the eligibility requirements.

Only eligible applications will be able to proceed to the subsequent selection steps:

- 1. admission to the degree program
- 2. awarding of the UNICORE scholarships



ART.4.1 – Admission to the study course

The admission procedure for the degree program will be as follows:

- administrative and technical verification of access qualifications to the relevant degree program,
- assessment of the suitability of the qualification and of the candidate for enrollment in the degree program of interest by the Evaluation Degree Program Board of the degree program (in the following parts indicated as Degree Program Board).

The Degree Program Board may ask the candidates for an online interview to assess their personal preparation.

PLEASE NOTE: In order to be awarded the scholarship, **the student's qualification must have been assessed as suitable for enrolment in a degree program without a restricted number of places**, based on the evaluation made by the International Students Office and the positive feedback expressed by the Degree Program Board, concerning the adequate personal knowledge and the possession of the curricular requirements foreseen.

Ineligibility for admission to the degree program automatically implies exclusion from this selection.

ART. 4.2.– Awarding of the UNICORE scholarships

Only those candidates who are eligible for admission to their chosen degree program may enter the selection phase for the awarding of scholarships. The selection will be carried out by a specific Selection Committee for the awarding of scholarships.

The Selection Committee will evaluate the candidate(s) and award the following maximum scores:

1. Scholarship call requirements

- Academic background and GPA (**score: 0-20 points**);
- CV evaluation: professional experience and skills (**score: 0-10 points**);
- Consistency with previous studies and the chosen degree course without a restricted number of places (**score: 0-10 points**).

Following the attribution of the scores, the **first 10 candidates** with a **score of 25 or more** will be admitted to the interview.

Applicants who are admitted to the interview will receive an email from the International Students Section with details of the date, time and platform on which the interview will be held.

Admission to the interviews is subject to a positive verification of the student's refugee status by UNHCR on site.



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Applicants must present themselves at the online interview with the Ration Card Number or Refugee Identity Card submitted at the application step.

2. Outcome of the online interview (the selection committee will assess the candidate's technical, academic and English language skills): (**score: 0-40**)

Applicants with a **minimum score of 40/80 points** (requirements assessment and oral interview) will be considered eligible for the scholarship.

In the absence of a language certification, during the interview, the Selection Committee will check the candidates' knowledge of English and any additional language skills declared by the candidates in their CV.

ART. 5 – Ranking

At the end of the interviews, there will be a **ranking list**, which will take into account the results of the evaluation. In the event of a tied overall score, the grant will be awarded to the youngest candidate(s).

As of 17 June 2024, information on the results of the selection and awarding of scholarships will be published on the University portal at: <https://www.unito.it/internazionalita/studenti-e-ospiti-internazionali/studenti-internazionali/borse-studenti>
<https://en.unito.it/studying-unito/scholarships-international-students>

ART. 6 – Acceptance of the scholarship

The winners will receive notice from the International Students Section indicating the method and deadline to accept the scholarship.

In order to obtain the benefit, applicants are required to:

1. accept the scholarship by **Monday 24 June 2024** by submitting the acceptance letter provided by the International Students Section (signed and dated);
2. complete the enrolment procedure for the chosen course by paying the first instalment fee of the student contribution referred to in Article 1 by the deadline indicated by the International Students Section;
3. obtain the appropriate visa for enrolment, arrive in Italy and hold the receipt for the residence permit application for study purposes, by the deadline for enrolment in the



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postgraduate degree programs;

4. declare that they are not the beneficiaries of any other scholarship, as referred to in Article 1;

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In the event that a candidate is the appointed beneficiary of more than one scholarship, he/she must promptly inform the International Students Section at unicore@unito.it and choose which contribution wishes to accept.

PLEASE NOTE To complete their registration, the beneficiary must submit the following documents:

- a) Travel document;
- b) copy of valid Refugee Identity card or other document proving refugee status;
- c) visa eligible for the registration;
- d) Italian tax code;
- e) receipt/proof of the residence permit application for Italian study (a residence permit for asylum seekers in Italy does not allow enrolment at UniTo);
- f) original foreign academic qualification (bachelor's degree) and the corresponding official transcript of records stamped and signed by the foreign academic institution and consular legalization/Apostille/ENIC-NARIC verification certificate.

Documents are accepted in Italian, English, French and Spanish; if they have been issued in other languages, they must be provided with an official translation into English or Italian.

Should the appointed beneficiaries renounce enrolment in the program or fail to meet any of the conditions listed above, they will lose their entitlement to the scholarship.

ART. 7 – Ranking list shift

Appointed beneficiaries may renounce their benefits by sending an email to unicore@unito.it by **24 June 2024**.

Unallocated scholarships may be re-assigned to candidates usefully placed in the ranking list until all the positions have been scrolled.

ART. 8 – Terms of the scholarship

ART. 8.1. The UNICORE 6.0 scholarship will be awarded in four instalments by bank transfer to an Italian bank account in the name of or co-owned by the beneficiaries.



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The **first instalment (€3,000)** will be paid out to the beneficiaries **exclusively** following:

- actual entry into Italy with a visa suitable for enrolment and presentation of the receipt/proof of the request for the relevant study residence permit;
- completion of enrolment at the University of Turin within the deadline that will be communicated by the International Students Section;
- opening of a bank account in Italy with an IBAN in the name of or co-owned by the beneficiary;
- signature of the financial contract for the award of the scholarship (in which the beneficiary undertakes to accept the terms and conditions relating to the scholarship and confirms that she/he does not fall under any of the conditions of incompatibility set out in Article 1 of this selection notification);
- delivery of the financial documents required for the scholarship, which will be provided by the International Students Section.

Subsequent instalments will only be awarded once the required CFUs (study credits) have been obtained, according to the deadlines set out in the following table.

instalment	amount	month of disbursement	requirements
2	4000 € gross to recipient	August/September 2025	at least two 1st year exam listed in the Study Plan by 31 July 2025 *
3	3000 € gross to recipient	March 2026	renewal of enrolment in the 2nd academic year of the chosen program and at least four first-year exams listed in the Study Plan by 28 February 2026*
4	4000 € gross to recipient	October 2026	at least all 1st year exams by 30 September 2026*.

***credits resulting from shortening of career will not be considered when counting CFUs.**

Any enrolment to years beyond the regular duration of the program does not provide the extension of the financial benefits of the scholarship. Suitably justified cases may be evaluated by the Selection Committee.

ART. 8.2 The award of the second year of the scholarship (3rd and 4th instalments) is subject to the regular payment of the enrolment fee for the 2nd year of the study program within the deadline provided by the current Fees and Contributions Regulations, and to the fulfilment of the



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requirements indicated.

ART. 9 – Loss of the benefit

A student who decides to interrupt his or her studies, to change program within UniTO or to request a transfer to another university automatically loses the right to all the benefits provided for in this call.

A student who decides to apply for international protection in Italy will lose the right to be enrolled at UniTO, as the status of asylum seeker does not allow him/her to do so; consequently, he/she will lose the benefits of the present call.

ART. 10 – Data processing and right of access

Pursuant to Article 13 GDPR 2016/679 on the processing of personal data, the University of Turin will operate in accordance with Annex 1 "Privacy Policy".

ART. 11 – Resolution of disputes

This call is translated into English for dissemination purposes only.

For the application and settlement of all disputes and for all legal effects only the Italian version shall be valid.

ART. 12 – Final provisions

The person in charge of the procedure is Mrs Elisa Rosso, Director of the Innovation and Internationalisation Department. For information, please contact unicore@unito.it

The Manager

Elisa Rosso

digitally signed pursuant to Legislative Decree 82/ 2005



ANNEX 1

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PRIVACY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLES 13 AND 14 OF THE GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (EU REGULATION 679/2016 AND COUNCIL REGULATION OF 27 APRIL 2016)

The University of Turin hereby announces that the personal data of applicants to the call for applications for the award of 2 scholarships "UNICORE 6.0 for international students - a.y. 2024-2025-2026" acquired with the application form or with any subsequent special means of collection, will be processed for the performance of its own institutional teaching and research activities, in compliance with the general principles of lawfulness, correctness, transparency, limitation of purposes and storage period, data minimisation, accuracy, integrity, confidentiality and accountability, of the personal data protection code and the University regulations implementing the code and concerning sensitive and judicial data (available on the portal www.unito.it, "Statute and Regulations", "Regulations: procedures").

Pursuant to Article 13 of EU Regulation 2016/679 (hereinafter GDPR), in compliance with the principle of transparency, the following information is provided in order to make students aware of the characteristics and methods of data processing:

a) Data controller and contact details

The Data Controller is the University of Turin, in the person of its pro-tempore legal representative the Rector, with registered office in Via Verdi 8 - 10124 Turin (contact details: PEC address: ateneo@pec.unito.it - email address: rettore@unito.it: telephone 011 6706111).

b) Contact details of the Data Protection Officer (DPO)

The University of Turin's Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be contacted at the following e-mail address: rpd@unito.it.

c) Purpose of processing and legal basis

The processing of personal data requested from the data subject is carried out for the performance of a task in the public interest or in connection with the exercise of official authority within the meaning of Article 6(1)(e) of EU Regulation 2016/679 for the following purposes:

- 1) provision of study grants, scholarships and awards and other services related to the right to university study;
- 2) management of the student career (from enrolment to graduation) dispatch of the relevant notices and storage and archiving of all relevant documents;
- 3) management of curricular and extra-curricular traineeships;



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- 4) statistical surveys and historical and scientific research (in aggregated and anonymous form);
- 5) management of listening and support activities for students in difficulty;
- 6) management of support activities for students with disabilities or specific learning disorders;
- 7) institutional communications from the university for administrative, teaching and research purposes (e.g. notification of seminars, events and conferences).

Please note that pursuant to the Consolidated Transparency Act Legislative Decree 33 of 2013, the data will be published online in the "Transparent Administration" section and on the University portal as part of the publication of the ranking list.

For the above-mentioned processing purposes and in specific situations, pursuant to Article 10 of the GDPR, special categories of personal data, such as data relating to criminal convictions and offences or related security measures, may be collected and processed.

d) Types of data processed

The personal data collected and processed by the Controller for the above-mentioned purposes are as follows:

- personal data;
- contact details;
- academic career data.

For the above-mentioned purposes, personal data of a particular category pursuant to Article 9 of EU Regulation No. 2016/679 are collected and processed by the Controller, namely:

- health-related data relative to actions to support people with special needs;
- data relating to nationality, status as holder of temporary protection, international protection, subsidiary protection, special protection and other forms of protection under current Italian immigration law;

e) Provision of data

The provision of personal data is mandatory for the purpose of assessing the requirements for participation in the call for applications for the award of 2 scholarships "UNICORE 6.0" - a.y. 2024-2025/2025-2026". Failure to provide such data will result in non-admission to the aforementioned call for applications and failed completion of the relative procedure.

f) Modalities of Treatment

The processing of personal data will be carried out by means of manual, computerised and IT tools that are in any case suitable to guarantee the security and confidentiality of such data.

To achieve the above-mentioned purposes, the data are processed within the University of Turin by persons authorised to process data under the responsibility of the Controller, who are adequately instructed and trained for this purpose.

g) External Data Processors

The data may also be relayed and processed externally by third party providers of certain services necessary for the performance of the processing, who act on behalf of the Data Controller for the sole



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purpose of the requested service and who are duly appointed "Data Processors" pursuant to Article 28 of EU Regulation 2016/679.

h) Categories of recipients of personal data

Personal data will be disclosed to the following categories of recipients, in accordance with the regulations in force:

- 1) Ministry of University and Research – MUR
- 2) National Register of Students and Graduates;
- 3) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Embassies, Prefectures, Police Headquarters, concerning the recognition of particular statuses;
- 4) Public Prosecutor's Office, State Attorney's Office for the management of litigation and disciplinary proceedings
- 5) Certifying Administrations, when checking the affidavits made pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 445/200;
- 6) Public and private bodies and entities that manage the provision of research grants and/or scholarships or that promote studies and research, projects for university development;
- 7) Ente regionale per il Diritto allo Studio Universitario per il Piemonte that manages services for the right to study (scholarships, residences, canteens);
- 8) Intesa Sanpaolo – a banking institution which, as the University's cashier, manages the procedures for the collection of university fees and contributions and the payment of scholarships;
- 9) Consorzio Interuniversitario per il Calcolo Automatico - CINECA, for the management and maintenance of student career applications;
- 10) Consorzio Interuniversitario Alma Laurea, for surveys on the profile and employment status of graduates;
- 11) Insurance institutions for accidents, public liability;
- 12) External public or private entities for employment, cultural, recreational and sports purposes;
- 13) External bodies and associations operating within the University for the fulfilment of the purposes of the relevant assignments.

The data processed for the above-mentioned purposes will be communicated or will in any case be accessible to teaching staff, employees or collaborators assigned to the University offices in charge, who, in their capacity as data protection contact persons and/or system administrators and/or authorised processors, will be adequately instructed by the Data Controller for this purpose.

i) Transfer of data to a third country

For the pursuit of some of the above-mentioned institutional purposes, the University makes use of possible suppliers designated as External Managers, of Google services for the Educational sector for which adequate guarantee measures have been adopted (for further details see Google's Privacy and Security section referred to in the Privacy section of the University Portal); these services imply the transfer of personal data to non-European countries (these are the so-called "in cloud" solutions of Google LLC).



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l) Data retention period

Personal data relating to university careers (e.g. personal details, qualifications held, transcripts, etc.) will be stored indefinitely in order to comply with individuals' certification and verification requests, in compliance with the archiving obligations imposed by current legislation.

Contact data (telephone, personal email) are retained for the period necessary to achieve the purpose for which the data were collected and will, thenceforth no longer be used by the University thereafter.

m) Data rights

Data subjects (subjects to whom the data refer) may assert, in the cases provided for, their rights on personal data pursuant to Articles 15-21 of EU Regulation 2016/679, where applicable, to the University of Turin by sending a specific request with the subject: "*privacy rights*" to the following e-mail address: internationalstudents@unito.it.

n) Complaints

The data subject is informed that he/she has the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority and may appeal to the Data Protection Authority (website: www.garanteprivacy.it)

o) Profiling

The data controller does not use automated processes for profiling purposes.