

University Corridors for Refugees 7.0

(Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa,
Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe 2025/2027)

Call for applications for 1 study grant and welcome services for refugee students registering
for Second Cycle Degree Programmes taught in English at Università luav di Venezia for the
Academic Years 2025-2026 - 2026/2027

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE: April 18th 2025

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ART. 1 Overview, Funding and Duration.

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - UNICORE 7.0 project is to promote the right to higher education for refugees through study corridors from Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe to Italy. The project is jointly promoted by a consortium of partners:

- >United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- >Caritas Italiana
- >Centro Astalli per rifugiati
- >Gandhi Charity
- >Diaconia Valdese
- >Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)
- >The Italian Universities better specified in the Cooperation Agreement

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection living in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and admitted in a programme among those better specified in Article 13. UNICORE 7.0 benefits are assigned for A.Y. 2025-26 and A.Y. 2026-27. Maintenance merit requirements and additional renewals conditions are listed in Art. 6.

ART. 1.1 Local Partners of the Project

Università luav di Venezia is supported in the project by local partners: Diaconia Valdese, Campus X, Corte del Forner, and Engim. This support is conditional on the renewal of the local memorandum of understanding for the services.

ART. 1.2 Scholarship Benefits and Support Services

Benefits included in the scholarship will be the following:

- € 7,000 scholarship per year of study. Payments will be divided in installments and subject to the achievement of merit requirements. Winner will be provided with more information upon enrollment. (luav)

ART. 2 Incompatibility.

The UNICORE 7.0 study grants are incompatible with:

- study grants issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

- CRUI grants for beneficiaries of international protection;
- Regional scholarship offered by Veneto region (DSU);

ART.3 Admission requirements.

Application is open exclusively to candidates who:

1. Are residing in Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and have been recognized the refugee status in these countries in collaboration with UNHCR;
2. Hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme;
3. Have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 according to the tertiary education grading system of the country of graduation or equivalent according to the [comparable table](#) issued by the Italian Ministry of Education;
4. Hold a degree obtained in or after 2020 and no later than April 18, 2025;
5. Meet the specific admission requirements of the Second Cycle Degree Programme of interest;
6. Have never been enrolled before in a degree programme at any of the Partner Universities;
7. Have proficiency in the English language.

ART.4 Selection criteria and application documents

Art.4.1 Selection criteria and evaluation committee

Students are selected on the basis of merit requirements.

The evaluation will be carried out by a Committee of Experts designated by the Rector.

Art.4.2 Application documents

Students are required to submit the following documentation:

MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

1. Refugee ID card or Proof of refugee registration;
2. A certificate confirming the qualification required for admission to the chosen degree programme;
3. Transcripts of exams passed and relative grades;
4. GPA documentation;
5. Any relevant and additional document required by the specific programmes chosen.

NOT MANDATORY DOCUMENTS:

6. A motivation letter (maximum two A4 pages);
7. Letter/s of references written by supervisor/advisor supporting the application;
8. Applicants are warmly recommended to send a short CV of their academic and professional background.

Art.4.3 Deadlines and modalities

Applications are open until the 18th of April at 12:00 pm (noon, UTC+1). Candidates are required to fill in the application form online and upload all the documents through this [website](#).

Applications that are not properly filled in or complete with all the required documentation will not be accepted.

Students are allowed to apply for maximum two programmes.

Art.5 Selection process

The selection process is divided into two steps:

- Step 1: evaluation of the documentation
- Step 2: on-line interview

Art.5.1 Step 1 Evaluation of the documentation

The Committee of Experts will evaluate the documentation according to the following criteria:

- Academic background and GPA (score: 0-20);
- Evaluation of CV: professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-10);
- Coherence between previous studies and selected Second Cycle Degree Programme (score: 0-10)

Candidates receiving a score of less than 25 will not be admitted to Step 2 of the selection process.

Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be notified by email by 5th May 2025.

Art.5.2 Step 2 On-line Interview

Candidates admitted to Step 2 will be interviewed by the Committee of Experts, who will evaluate their technical skills, competence on the subject as well as their mastery of the English language. Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points.

Interviews will take place in May 2025 and will be held on-line. Candidates will be notified by email about the date and time of the interview. Candidates are requested to bring to the interview the Refugee Identity Card used during the on-line application. A third party must be present during the beginning of the interview for the identification of the candidate.

Art.5.3 Establishment and approval of the final ranking list

Candidates who will score less than 50/80 points will not be included in the final ranking.

Candidate rankings are drawn up by the Committee of Experts summing up the results of the two phases and are approved by Rectoral Decree. The ranking is organized in decreasing order of points.

For equal points, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

Winners will be notified by email by 30th May 2025.

Art.5.4 Acceptance

In order to confirm the scholarship candidates must reply to the University communication accepting the scholarship within 10 days from the reception, by 9th June 2025. Failing to provide a feedback by the given deadline will cause the loss of the benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, the student fully accepts without reserve UNICORE 7.0 project support and financial benefits at the conditions established in this call for applications. With the acceptance students also confirm under their own full responsibility that they do not fall within any of the conditions of incompatibility established in article 2 of this call for applications.

Art.5.5 Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats

If a selected candidate withdraws from the program the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

In case of vacant seat, Università luav di Venezia reserves the right for searching for eligible candidates from ranking of other partner Universities.

ART.6 Renewal requirements

Art.6.1 Renewal requirements

In order to renew the scholarship students are required to earn 30 university credits (CFU) by the August 10, 2026.

Art.6.2 Additional Renewals

Students are required to graduate by the last session available for their matriculation year, i.e. April 2028.

Students who do not succeed to graduate within April 2028 can request a 6 months' extension of the scholarship, at the condition to have earned at least 80 university credits March 31, 2028.

Art.7 Withdrawal from the course

Candidates who withdraw from the program during their studies will lose all the benefits of the scholarship.

Art.8 Information notice concerning data processing

In compliance with European data protection policy, the personal data collected are processed by Università luav di Venezia only for the purpose of this call.

Personal data collected are also processed in compliance with UNHCR Data Protection Policy available at <https://www.refworld.org/docid/55643c1d4.html> and its guidance available at <https://www.refworld.org/docid/5b360f4d4.html>

The candidates will also give consent to publish the refugee ID card number or the ration number card of *PoR* in the list of admitted candidates and the final ranking list both on the website: www.unhcr.it/universitycorridors and on: [International students | Università luav di Venezia](#).

The Administration reserves the right to verify the truth of the information provided without prejudice to the penal sanctions of article 76 of Italian Presidential Decree no. 445/2000, in the event of fraudulent information being discovered as a result of such verification the applicant will forfeit the right to the study grant.

Art.9 List of the Second Cycle Degree participating in the call for Università luav di Venezia

By clicking on the name of the program you will get access to all the information about, including study plan and entry requirements.

[Master degree in Architecture](#) (taught in English)

[Master degree in Urban Planning for Transition](#) (taught in English)

Art. 10 Final provisions

In compliance with the provisions of Law no. 241/1990, art.5, the person in charge of the procedure at the present call is Lucia Basile, Head of the Educational and students service Area. All requests about this call must be addressed to study@iuav.it.