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### University Corridors for Refugees - 4.0 (Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon - 2022/2024)

Call for applications for 5 (five) study grants and welcome services for refugee students applying for second-cycle degree programmes taught at the University of Sannio, for the Academic Year 2022/23

**Application period: From April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 until April 29<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

#### **ART. 1 - Subject, amount and duration.**

The general objective of the University Corridors for Refugees - 4.0 project is to promote the right to high education for refugees through study corridors from Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon to Italy. University Corridors for Refugees – UNICORE 4.0 is jointly promoted by a consortium composed by the following partners:

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Caritas Italiana
- Diaconia Valdese
- Centro Astalli – JRS Jesuit Refugee Service
- Ghandi Charity
- Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)
- University of Sannio
- Italian higher education institutions (the complete list is included into the national agreement)

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection certified by National authorities or by UNHCR living in Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon, applying for one of the Second cycle degree programmes at University of Sannio for Academic Year (A.Y.) 2022/23.

The full list of the programmes available at the University of Sannio is provided in Article 13.

#### **1.2 Local Partners of the Project**

The University of Sannio will be supported in the project by local partner: Caritas of Avellino (Italy).

The support is conditional to the signing of the cooperation agreement between the parties which will be done by the end of July.

#### **1.3 General Benefits and supports offered**

- support for pre-enrolling at the Italian Embassies in Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon and carrying out immigration procedures;
- support for applying for admission to second-cycle degree programmes listed in Art. 13;
- financial benefit, housing and board as better specified in article 1.4;
- mentoring service for the duration of the studies;
- support for integrating in the local student life and community

#### **1.4 Specific Benefits offered by University of Sannio and partners**

- Full coverage of the expenses to be faced before the arrival in Italy: flight tickets, Visa and preparation of supporting documents offered by the Caritas of Avellino;
- Tuition fee waiver for the whole duration of the master's degree, offered by the University of Sannio
- Free accommodation in student dorms / private affiliated colleges / university residences offered by the Caritas of Avellino.

Access to two free meals a day, from Monday to Friday, in student canteens or affiliated restaurant offered by the University of Sannio in collaboration With the regional agency for Local Authority for the Right to Education (ADISURC);

Free language course at the University Language Centre, offered by the University of Sannio;

- Italian language learning support offered by the University of Sannio;



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- Coverage of the expenses for books and study materials, offered by the University of Sannio;
- Registration to the National healthcare system and coverage of residence permit expenses, offered by Caritas
- Dedicated support for all the administrative procedures offered by Caritas of Avellino;
- Pocket money (400€/month - 24 months), offered by University of Sannio
- Psychological and legal support, offered by Caritas of Avellino;
- Support in the integration in everyday life, social inclusion, orientation to access extra-curricular activities and services offered locally jointly offered by Caritas of Avellino and Erasmus Student Network "Maleventum";
- -Ensuring that refugee students have access to university or provider services, support, and activities such as career placement, social organisations, internships, extracurricular activities, etc.;
- Support in the integration in student life and assistance for any problem met during the studies, offered by local students, with the supervision of the University of Sannio

The above-mentioned benefits are applicable only to the beneficiaries of the scholarship and cannot be extended for any reason to relatives or third parties.

UNICORE 4.0 general and specific benefits are assigned for A.Y. 2022/23 and A.Y. 2023/24.

Maintenance merit requirements and additional renewals conditions are listed in Art. 9.

### **ART. 2 – Incompatibility.**

The UNICORE 4.0 study grants cannot be combined with:

- Study grants offered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- CRUI grants for beneficiaries of international protection;
- Study grants issued by foreign governmental bodies or institutions;
- Regione Campania scholarships.

### **ART. 3 – General and specific admission requirements.**

The application is open exclusively to candidates who meet the following requirements:

1. are residing in Niger, Nigeria or Cameroon and have been recognized the refugee status by UNHCR or national relevant authority
2. hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen second-cycle degree programme
3. the qualification must be awarded by a higher education institution duly accredited and must grant access to a second-cycle degree programme in the relevant foreign system
4. have obtained their qualification not before 2017 and no later than March 30st, 2022
5. have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 according to the Niger, Nigerian and Cameroonian tertiary education or equivalent according to the conversion table issued by the Italian Ministry of Education ([http://attiministeriali.miur.it/media/277372/allegato\\_5\\_conversione\\_titoli.pdf](http://attiministeriali.miur.it/media/277372/allegato_5_conversione_titoli.pdf))
6. meet the specific admission requirements of the second-cycle degree programme of interest, or will meet such requirements by the deadline of enrolment
7. have never been enrolled before in a degree programme at any of the Partner Universities listed in the national agreement
8. comply with applicable provisions and deadlines, including enrolment regulations established by the Memorandum issued by the Italian Ministry of University and Research concerning foreign students' access to university degree programmes.



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### ART. 4 – Application submission: deadlines, modalities and documents needed for application

#### Art. 4.1 Deadlines and modalities

Applications that are not properly filled in or complete with all the required documentation will not be accepted. Students are allowed to apply for a maximum of two Universities and for a maximum of two programs for the University of Sannio.

The application will be deemed valid only if the student completes the above procedure correctly.

Applications can be submitted via email.

Applicants must be eligible for enrolling in the 1st year of a second -cycle degree (*Laurea Magistrale*) of the University of Sannio.

Applicants must complete the application between April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by 11.59 pm - local time (GMT+1) filling the application form at link: <https://forms.gle/teng9mGGPuTu7QtP9>

For assistance or guidance, students can contact the International office ([erasmus@unisannio.it](mailto:erasmus@unisannio.it)).

#### Art. 4.2 Application documents

Applicants must upload the following documents to their application:

- **Motivational Letter(s) or video** in English;
- **Curriculum Vitae (Résumé)** in English;
- **Transcript of records**;
- **Academic title**;
- **Passport or refugee travel document (if any)**;
- Refugee ID card / ration number card of the PoR ;
- **English Language or other language certifications** (if required - check entry requirements for each programme);
- **Any other document required** (check entry requirements for each programme).

If admitted to the degree programme, students will have to submit other documents including legalised copies of previous qualifications. No legalised documents will have to be submitted at the application stage, but an English or Italian translation of the entry title should be uploaded as well.

All documents must be in English or Italian. All documents in any language other than Italian or English must be supported by a translation into English or Italian on plain (non-letterhead) paper. The submission of the translated documents only is not enough, applicants must also provide the original document. In the application phase it is not necessary to submit an official (sworn/certified) translation into Italian, or the relative legalization or the "declaration of value" of the study qualification.

### ART. 5 Selection criteria

For the University of Sannio, the evaluation will be carried out by a Committee of Experts. A second decree will define the members of the Committee.

Students are selected on the basis of merit requirements, which will be evaluated in two phases:

- Phase 1: preliminary evaluation of the documentation made available by the candidates
- Phase 2: in-depth evaluation and interview of candidates.

#### Art. 5.1 Phase 1 - evaluation of the documentation made available by the candidates

The Committee of Experts will evaluate the documentation received by each applicant 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 selected second-cycle degree programme (score: 0-10)

Students receiving a score of less than 20 will not be admitted to phase 2 of the selection process. Candidates admitted to Phase 2 will be notified by email by 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.



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### **Art. 5.2 Phase 2 - In-depth evaluation and interview of candidates**

Applicants will be interviewed online by the relevant Committee, who will evaluate their motivation, expectations, and technical skills, as well as their mastering of the English language. Interviews will be graded on a scale of 40 points. Shortlisted applicants scoring less than 20 points will be rejected. Those scoring 20 points or more will be eligible for the final ranking.

Interviews will be conducted in English; English proficiency will be assessed during the interview. Interviews will take place online between starting from 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Candidates will be notified by email about the date and time of the interview.

Candidates are requested to join the interview with the Refugee Identity Card used during the on-line application.

### **ART. 6 – Establishment and approval of the final ranking list**

Candidate rankings are drawn up by the Committee of Experts summing up the results of the two phases and are approved by decree. The rankings are organized in decreasing order of points. For equal points, preference will be given to the youngest candidate.

Beneficiaries will be notified by email.

The list of eligible applicants for the University of Sannio, including the ones not selected for the available seats, will be published by 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 on [www.unisannio.it/internazionale](http://www.unisannio.it/internazionale)

### **ART. 7 – Acceptance**

In order to confirm acceptance of the UNICORE 4.0 project support and financial benefits, assignees must confirm their acceptance no later than 10 days from the reception of the email, under penalty of loss of the project support and financial benefits.

By accepting the scholarship, the students fully accept without reserve UNICORE 4.0 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.

It is implied that any changes to the declared information must be promptly notified to the University.

Candidates will receive detailed information about the documents to be submitted in order to complete the enrolment.

### **ART. 8 – Ranking scroll and assignment of available seats**

Applicants may withdraw by sending an e-mail to [erasmus@unisannio.it](mailto:erasmus@unisannio.it)

In case a candidate winner of the scholarship will officially withdraw by July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the scholarship will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

If, after having scrolled all the rankings, seats will still be available, the University of Sannio reserves the right of calling eligible candidates from other rankings issued by the partner Universities of the UNICORE project. Potential candidates will be required to undergo any additional selection process that the University of Sannio will consider appropriate in order to verify the specific entry requirements.

### **ART. 9 – Procedure for accessing the financial benefits and renewal requirements**

#### **Art.9.1 Access to the financial benefits**

Beneficiaries will receive detailed information on how to access to the benefits by e-mail.

Beneficiaries are kindly invited to regularly check their mailbox for updates of the process.

All the benefits will be immediately suspended in case the student will stop to attend classes or will not be reachable by the University staff and Professors for more than one week without any reasonable explanation.

#### **Art. 9.2 Renewal requirements**

- First year: within the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2023, the students must have obtained at least 30 CFU.
- Second year: within the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2024, the students must have obtained at least 80 CFU.



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### Art.9.3 Additional Renewals

If the student does not succeed to complete the Master Programme within the second session of academic year 2023/2024, he/she can apply for a 6-month extension of the grant. Request must be submitted to the Admissions and Welcome Unit by October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The above additional grants will be awarded only if the student has obtained at least 90 cfu credits and they are subject to financial availability.

Any extension will be subject to a case-by-case approach.

### ART. 10 – Withdrawal

In case of withdrawals, eligible students will automatically lose all benefits granted by this call for applications.

### ART. 11 – Information notice concerning data processing

Personal data collected are processed as described at: [www.unisannio.it](http://www.unisannio.it).

Personal data collected are also processed in compliance with UNHCR [Data Protection Policy](#) and its [guidance](#).

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. 12 – Conditional issuing of the call for applications

This call for application is issued conditionally to the signing of the cooperation agreement and its addendum for the project “University Corridors for Refugees 4.0” (Niger, Nigeria, Cameroon – 2022/2024) among all the parties listed in art. 1.

### Art. 13 – List of the Second Cycle Degrees participating in the call for University of Sannio

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

#### Sciences

- [Biology](#)
- [Genetic Sciences and Molecular Biotechnologies](#)
- [Genetic Sciences and Technologies](#)
- [Geological Sciences and Technologies](#)
- [Geotechnologies for Resources, Environment and Risks](#)

#### Engineering


- [Civil Engineering](#)
- [Computer Engineering](#)
- [Electronic Engineering for Automation and Telecommunication](#)
- [Energy Engineering](#)

#### Economics and Business

- [Economics and Management](#)
- [Statistical and Actuarial Sciences](#)

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