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**UNI-CO-RE: University Corridors for Refugees (Ethiopia-Unibo 2019-21)
Call for applications for 5 study grants and welcome services for refugee
students registering for Second cycle degree programmes at the
Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna, for A.Y. 2019-20
DEADLINE: 22 February 2019**

ART. 1 - Subject, benefits and duration

The general objective of the UNI-CO-RE project is to promote the right to higher education for refugees, through study corridors from Ethiopia to Italy. UNI-CO-RE is jointly promoted by a Consortium of partners, including:

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), University of Bologna (Unibo), Caritas Italiana, Federmanager Bologna – Ravenna, Gandhi Charity, Manageritalia Emilia Romagna, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), Next Generation Italy, the Emilia-Romagna Regional Board for the Right of Higher Education (ER.GO.), Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Bologna.

The benefits are intended for holders of International Protection (recognized in collaboration with UNHCR living in Ethiopia), registering in one of the Second cycle degree programmes at University of Bologna for Academic Year (A.Y.) 2019-20 listed in art. 3.

Beneficiaries of the UNI-CO-RE project will benefit of support in:

- pre-enrolling at the Embassy of Italy in Ethiopia and carrying out immigration procedures
- applying for admission to Second cycle degree programmes of the University of Bologna
- applying for ER.GO benefits
- integrating in the local student life and community.

Beneficiaries of the UNI-CO-RE project will also receive financial benefits, consisting of:

- up to 1.000 € for expenses to be faced before the arrival in Italy: flight tickets, Visa application and preparation of supporting documents
- 3.200 € to be paid during A.Y. 2019-20
- 3.200 € to be paid during A.Y. 2020-21

UNI-CO-RE benefits are assigned for A.Y. 2019-20 and A.Y. 2020-21. Maintenance merit requirements are applied; see art. 8 for the complete information.

The students will also be supported in the application for ER.GO benefits for A.Y. 2019-20 and A.Y. 2020-21; ER.GO benefits include tuition fee exemption, study grant, support for accommodation: see art. 8 for more information.

ART. 2 – Incompatibility

The UNI-CO-RE study grants cannot be combined with:

- merit-based study grants/prizes issued by the University of Bologna for the support of international students (including Unibo Action 2 study grants and Unibo for Refugees study awards);
- study grants issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI);
- benefits by the Collegio Superiore in Bologna;
- CRUI grants for beneficiaries of international protection;
- study grants issued by foreign governmental bodies or institutions, on the basis of agreements with the University of Bologna, aimed at assisting the enrolment of international students at the University of Bologna.



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ART. 3 – Application requirements

Application is open exclusively to candidates who:

1. are residing in Ethiopia and have been recognized the refugee status in collaboration with UNHCR
2. hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme, issued by a higher education institution accredited in the Ethiopian higher education system. Candidates must have obtained the qualification in 2017 or 2018 (European calendar). Students currently completing the last year of an accredited undergraduate degree programme can also apply; the study grant will only be awarded upon completion of the qualification prior to registration in A.Y. 2019-20.
3. have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0 according to the Ethiopian tertiary education grading system.
4. meet the admission requirements in one of the Second cycle degree programmes of the University of Bologna listed in Attachment 1, or will meet such requirements at the time of registration. Students must autonomously check the entry requirements of the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programmes and apply for admission. See art. 7 for more information.
5. Have never been enrolled before in a degree programme at the University of Bologna.

ART. 4 – Application submission: terms and methods

Applications must be submitted **between 15 January 2019 at 12:00 (noon) CET to 22 February 2019 at 12:00 (noon) CET, exclusively through Studenti Online (www.studenti.unibo.it)**.

Anyone wishing to submit an application must:

1. register on studenti.unibo.it if not already in possession of a Unibo username and password (institutional credentials). To do so:
 - a. connect to studenti.unibo.it, access the “Register” section, and register;
 - b. fill in all the mandatory fields (foreign students not in possession of an Italian tax code number should go to the “International students registration” section) and follow the instructions to create a Unibo username and password. Important! The personal details of individuals registering on the site must correspond exactly to those indicated on their passport or identity card;
 - c. following the first access, the PUK code must be replaced with a personal password. It is important to store your Unibo username and password somewhere safe that you will have access to over the long term, as they will be required every time you access your profile on studenti.unibo.it;
2. log in to studenti.unibo.it, entering your Unibo username and password, and click “Calls”;
3. select “Call UNI-CO-RE: University corridors for Refugees (Ethiopia-Unibo 2019-21)”; only students in possession of the requirements specified in article 3, point 5 of this call will be able to fill in the application online;
4. check your contact information;
5. enter all required details;
6. upload all required documents in pdf format.

For assistance or guidance when filling in the online application, students can contact the Studenti Online Help Desk, telephone n° +39 0512099882, from Monday to Friday between 9:00 and 13:00 (CET) and between 14:00 and 17:00 (CET), or send an e-mail to help.studentionline@unibo.it.

Important! The application will be deemed valid only if the student completes the above procedure correctly. Applications cannot be submitted on paper, by fax or by e-mail.

Applicants must attach the following documents to their application:



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1. a copy of their currently valid **Refugee Identity card** issued in collaboration with UNHCR;
2. a certificate confirming the **qualification** required for admission to the chosen degree programme, along with **transcripts** of exams passed and relative marks. Students who have not completed their qualifications by the application submission deadline may present an enrolment certificate along with the transcript of exams passed to date and relative marks. The study grant will only be awarded upon completion of the qualification prior to registration in A.Y. 2019-20;
3. a **curriculum vitae** (CV) using the attached template (Attachment 2).
4. a **motivation letter** (maximum two A4 pages).

Applicants are also warmly recommended to shoot a **short video** CV (e.g. using a mobile phone) where they introduce themselves and their motivations. Candidates can send the video via <https://wetransfer.com/> to the email address internationaldesk@unibo.it. Applicants will be notified via email of the receipt of the video. It is not compulsory to add the video to the requested documentation.

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

All documents presented by applicants 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 translation may be done directly by the candidate. The submission of the translated documents only is not enough, applicants also need to provide the original document.

In this phase, it is not necessary to submit an official (sworn/certified) translation into Italian, or the relative legalization or "declaration of value" of the study qualification.

ART. 5 Selection criteria

Students are selected on the basis of merits requirements, which will be evaluated by boards of experts from the partner organizations of UNI-CO-RE and may also include professors from the University of Mekelle (Ethiopia), appointed by the Director of the International Relations Division of the University of Bologna.

The selection process will consist of 2 parts:

Part 1: evaluation of the documentation made available by the candidates,

Part 2: interview of selected candidates

Part 1

The board will evaluate the documentation received by each applicant based on the following criteria:

- academic background and GPA (score: 0-20)
- evaluation of CV: professional experience and personal skills (score: 0-20)
- personal motivation and coherence between previous studies and selected Second Cycle Degree programme (score: 0-10)

Students receiving a score of less than 30 will not be admitted to part 2 (interview) of the selection process.

The list of the candidates admitted to the interview will be available on www.studenti.unibo.it by 28 March 2019.

Part 2:



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The second part of the selection process consists of an interview of the selected candidates, in order to evaluate the personal commitment, attitude and skills of the candidates and to ascertain the level of English (score: 0-20).

Interviews will take place between 1 April 2019 and 5 April 2019. Interviews will be either in-person meetings or Skype interviews. Candidates will be able to get information about place and schedule of the interviews on www.studenti.unibo.it

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

ART. 6 – Establishment and approval of the ranking list of candidates and application of preferences in the event of equal evaluations

Candidate rankings are drawn up by the boards and are approved by decree of the Director. The rankings are organised in decreasing order of points. For equal points, preference will be given to the younger candidate.

Only candidates with a minimum score of 50 (considering part 1 and part 2 of the selection process) will be considered eligible.

The rankings will be published on studenti.unibo.it

ART. 7 – Acceptance

Winners will be notified of the award by e-mail.

In order to confirm acceptance of the UNI-CO-RE project support and financial benefits, assignees must send an e-mail to internationaldesk@unibo.it no later than 10 days from the award notification sending date, under penalty of loss of the project support and financial benefits.

Awardees must state their full acceptance without reserve of the UNI-CO-RE project support and financial benefits, according to the conditions established in the call for applications. In this statement, they must expressly 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. They shall also notify the university of any changes to the declared information which may arise during the year.

IMPORTANT: students selected for the UNI-CO-RE project support and financial benefits are not automatically admitted in the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme. Student must autonomously apply for admission and enrol in the chosen programme. Student must comply with applicable provisions and deadlines, including the enrolment regulations established by the Memorandum issued by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research concerning foreign students' access to university degree programmes.

ART. 8 – UNI-CO-RE financial benefits: payment methods and maintenance requirements

UNI-CO-RE financial benefits consist of:

- up to 1.000 € for expenses to be faced before the arrival in Italy: flight tickets, Visa and preparation of supporting documents
- 3.200 € (gross of all fees to be paid by the beneficiary) to be paid during A.Y. 2019-20 and 3.200 € (gross of all fees to be paid by the beneficiary) to be paid during A.Y. 2020-21. Payments will be divided in installments and subject to the achievement of merit requirements; the winners will be provided with more information on payment dates and merit requirements.



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Students selected for the UNI-CO-RE project can apply for ER.GO benefits; the call for applications for ER.GO benefits are published in mid July on www.er-go.it. The deadline to apply for accommodation is usually at the beginning of August.

It is a duty of the student to correctly complete the applications for ER.GO benefits within the deadlines set by ER.GO for A.Y. 2019/20 and 2020/21. Students can ask for ER.GO support in filling the application, by contacting ER.GO officers (Mrs Elisabetta Marzocchi - +39 051 6436788; emarzocchi@er-go.it - and Mrs Daniela Forte + 39051 6436727; dforte@er-go.it).

ER.GO will exempt UNI-CO-RE students from providing the supporting documents usually required to international students in order to prove their economic condition.

ER.GO benefits will include for each academic year:

- free accommodation in ER.GO student dorm in a shared room for the month of September 2019;
- accommodation in an ER.GO student dorm in a shared room (the monthly rent will be deducted from the ER.GO study grant. In any case the student must anticipate the cost of € 250 for the security deposit);
- a budget of 600 € for catering services per academic year;
- full tuition fee reduction (in any case the student must pay for each academic year €157,64 in regional taxes, the tax stamp and insurance premium – amount subject to change for A.Y. 2019-20 and 2020-21);
- a study grant worth about 5.192,56 € per academic year, paid in 3 instalments. The payment of the grant is subject to the acquisition of the merit requirements similar to those set in the ER.GO call for applications for each academic year. Please note that the payment of the second instalment will be subject to the acquisition of 15 credits by 31 March 2020 for A.Y. 2019-20 and to the acquisition of 50 credits by 31 March 2021 for A.Y. 2020-21;
- the reimbursement of the regional tax (140 €); the reimbursement of the regional tax is subject to the acquisition of the merit requirements set in the ER.GO. call for applications for each academic year;
- the support of a volunteer student for A.Y. 2019/20.

IMPORTANT: The possibility of being awarded ER.GO benefits is dependent on the rules set in ER.GO call for applications for A.Y. 2019/20 and A.Y. 2020/21, including:

- the student's effective admission and registration in the chosen second cycle degree programme, or in another degree programme of the same cycle, by the deadline set in the ER.GO study grant call for applications.

- the merit requirements to be achieved in order to maintain the benefits during each academic year and not to incur in their revocation. Based on the current ER.GO requirements, they are:

A.Y. 2019/20 - First year second cycle degree programme students: **30 CFU** by 10 August 2020

A.Y. 2020/21 – Second year second cycle degree programme students: **80 CFU** by 10 August 2021

ART. 10 – Withdrawal

Applicants may withdraw by sending an e-mail to internationaldesk@unibo.it.

In case of withdrawals received by 30 June 2019, UNI-CO-RE project support and financial benefits will be allocated to the next eligible candidate in the ranking.

ART. 11 – Information notice concerning data processing

Personal data collected are processed as described in the “Informativa per i partecipanti a concorsi e selezioni banditi dall’Ateneo” available (in Italian) at: www.unibo.it/privacy. The information is published in compliance with artt. 13 and 14 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).



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Personal data collected are also processed in compliance with UNHCR Data Protection Policy Available at: <https://unhcr.github.io/Integrated-framework-household-survey/Data-Protection-Impact-Assessment.html#unhcr-data-protection-policy>.

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 UNI-CO-RE, University Corridors for Refugees (Ethiopia – Unibo 2019-21) among all the parties listed in art. 1.

International Desk

For information please contact the International Desk of the Alma Mater Studiorum – University of Bologna, Via Filippo Re 4, 40126 Bologna

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Email internationaldesk@unibo.it

Office hours:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: from 10:00 to 12:00 CET

- Tuesday and Thursday from 14:30 to 16:00 CET.

The procedure manager is Paola Candotti – Settore Sportello Utenti Internazionali, Via Filippo Re 4, 40126 Bologna.

Attachments:

- 1) list of second cycle degree programmes
- 2) CV template

Bologna, 15 January 2019.

Signed by HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS DIVISION
Giovanna Filippini



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ATTACHMENT 1 – LIST OF SECOND CYCLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

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International Horticultural Science (IMAHS) (Bologna)
Economics (LMEC) (Bologna)
Economics and Economic Policy, Curriculum Health Economics and Management (HEM) (Bologna)
Quantitative Finance (QF) (Bologna)
Resource Economics and Sustainable Development (RESO) (Rimini)
Statistical Sciences (Bologna)
Tourism Economics and Management (TEAM) (Rimini)
Advanced Cosmetic Sciences (Rimini)
Wellness Culture: Sport, Health and Tourism (Rimini)
Automation Engineering (Bologna)
Chemical and Process Engineering, Curriculum Sustainable Technologies and biotechnologies for Energy and Materials (STEM) (Bologna)
Civil Engineering (CE) (Bologna)
Electrical Energy Engineering, Curriculum Electrical Engineering (EE) (Bologna)
Electronic Engineering, Curriculum Electronic technologies for Big-data and Internet of Things (E-BIT) (Bologna)
Environmental Engineering, Curriculum Earth Resources Engineering (ERE) TDM (Bologna)
Telecommunications Engineering (TE) (Bologna)
Digital Humanities and Digital Knowledge (DHDK) (Bologna)
Fashion Culture and Management (FCM) (Rimini)
History and Oriental Studies, Curriculum Global Cultures (GLOC) (Bologna)
Italian Studies, European Literary Cultures, Linguistics, Curriculum Italian Studies (Bologna)
Language, Society and Communication (LSC) (Bologna)
Bioinformatics (IBMB) (Bologna)
Low Carbon Technologies and Sustainable Chemistry (Bologna)
Physics, Curriculum Materials Physics and Nanoscience (Bologna)
Physics, Curriculum Theoretical Physics (Bologna)
Physics, Curriculum Nuclear and Subnuclear Physics (Bologna)
Physics, Curriculum Applied Physics (Bologna)
Sciences and Management of Nature, Curriculum Global Change Ecology and Sustainable Development Goal (Bologna)

Important notice: Programmes will run only following the approval of the Academic Boards and the completion of the established ministerial procedure for A.Y. 2019/20.

In case new open access second cycle degree programmes (with assessment of personal competencies) in English will be offered in A.Y. 2019/20 in the Campuses of Bologna, Forlì, Cesena and Rimini, they might also be selected by UNI-CO-RE applicants.

Please check updates on www.unibo.it/degreeprogrammes