



Call for Scholarships for Refugees UNICORE 5.0

Since 2019 Luiss University enriched its Global Engagement Strategy promoting the human capital of young refugees and offering the possibility to study in Luiss University for refugees coming from African countries.

Luiss is offering 1 scholarship for the 2023/2024 academic year for master's degree programs taught in English, open to refugee students – UNHCR registered – in: **Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.**

The program envisages the award of a full-ride scholarship to one admitted student, covering tuition fees and the total cost of bed and board in Rome during the 2 academic years. The scholarships will be confirmed for the following academic year on condition that the student, by 31 July of every year, has earned at least 70% of the education credits required under his/her first-year study plan. Should the selected student not comply with the above-mentioned requirements, he/she will be responsible for the payment of the remaining tuition fee payments for the second a.y. 2024/2025 and for living expenses.

To finalize the application candidates must fill out the [application form online](#) by May 31, 2023. In order to fill in the application form, the candidate will be required to register to the platform first, and then go back to the application form.

The scholarship is open to refugee students who:

- Are residing in Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia or Zimbabwe and have been recognized refugee status in these countries by UNHCR or by National authorities
- are graduated (Bachelor Degree) in Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia or Zimbabwe or in another country not earlier than July 2021.
- are going to graduate (Bachelor Degree) by 24 November 2023 in Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia or Zimbabwe or in another country
- have a knowledge of the English language of at least B2, certified by the University or another language institute (ex. EF set/Duolingo)
- Hold a qualification valid for admission to the chosen Second Cycle Degree Programme;
- Meet the specific admission requirements of the Second cycle degree programme;
- Have never before been enrolled in a degree program at any of the Partner Universities.

Application Procedure

When filling in the application form, applicants will have to indicate their personal information, their University information and upload all the required documents including the UNHCR certificate which will have to be uploaded in the ID section. After filling in their background information, applicants will be required to select the Degree Course they wish to compete for.



Please note that candidates applying through UNICORE 5.0 failing to attach the UNHCR certificate in the ID section, will not be taken into account for the purpose of evaluation for the scholarship award.

Documents required to submit the application:

- certificate showing the studies completed to date (updated transcript of records or, if not available, provisional transcript) and associated grades;
- scanned copy of their Ration Card Number of their Proof of Registration, **to attach under the “ID” section;**
- scanned copy of the Refugee Identity card issued by National authorities or by UNHCR;
- details of a sponsoring professor, who may be contacted by the admissions commission;
- certificate of knowledge of the English language (at least level B2);
- other optional certification (for example, GMAT or GRE).

Application forms lacking the above-mentioned documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be considered for evaluation by the Admission Board. Multiple applications from the same candidate will not be considered, with all applications received after the first one being discarded.

Admission Criteria

The eligible candidates will be examined by the Admissions Board, made up of the Deputy Rector for Internationalization and the Head of the chosen Degree Course, which – at its absolute discretion – will draw up a ranking taking into account the following criteria:

- academic background (preference will be accorded to candidates with a GPA of – at least – 3 out of 4), consistency of one’s previous studies with the chosen master’s degree programs and school record;
- the academic year in which the eligible degree was awarded;
- the language level declared;
- GMAT/GRE scores (if any).

The Admission Board will reach out to shortlisted candidates, selected discretionally by the Admission Board on the basis of the above-mentioned criteria, for online interviews held in in English.

The results will be communicated by email to the selected student, by June 27, 2023

The deadline for the finalization of the enrollment is July 20, 2023.

Should selected student wish to renounce or withdraw from the programme, he/she may present a written formal renouncement/withdrawal before June 30, 2023.

In these circumstances, the Admission Board will consider the following shortlisted candidate, who must confirm his/her acceptance before July 5, 2023.

Admission entails compulsory attendance of the program from September 2023. Please note that the offer of admission will refer exclusively to the 2023/2024 academic year and will not be considered as valid for admission in subsequent years.



After acceptance for the scholarship, the selected student must apply for CIMEA statement of comparability. The selected student must send his/her CIMEA statement of comparability to Luiss University, **before July 20, 2023** in order to complete his/her enrollment.

The student will be able to arrive at Luiss University only after the university communication of his/her finalized completion of his/her enrollment.

A.y. 2023-2024 will start on September 4, 2023, the selected student must be on campus in Rome before that date, considering that class attendance is mandatory on campus for Luiss students.

For any information not included in the present Call for Applications, the current University rules concerning admission to Master's Degree courses apply.

The present Call for Applications is regulated under Italian law; for any dispute the competent court is Rome.