



Call for Scholarships for Refugees UNICORE 7.0

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 2025/2026 academic year for master's degree programs taught in English, open to refugee students – UNHCR registered – in: **Ethiopia; India; Malawi; Kenya; Mozambique; Namibia; Niger; Nigeria; South Africa; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia; 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. 2026/2027 and for living expenses. The Luiss scholarship for the a.y. 2025/2026 will cover:

- Luiss Tuition fee
- Regional tax
- Costs required for the request of the Italian residence permit (permesso di soggiorno) for study purposes
- Accommodation in a Luiss residence (September 2025-July 2026)
- Access to Luiss canteen (September 2025-July 2026)
- Textbooks
- Pocket money (500 EUR/month, September 2025-June 2026)

To finalize the application candidates must fill out the [UNICORE application form online](#) by April 18, 2025. 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 **Ethiopia; India; Malawi; Kenya; Mozambique; Namibia; Niger; Nigeria; South Africa; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia; Zimbabwe** and have been recognized refugee status in these countries by UNHCR or by National authorities
- are graduated (Bachelor Degree) in **Ethiopia; India; Malawi; Kenya; Mozambique; Namibia; Niger; Nigeria; South Africa; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia; Zimbabwe** or in another country
- are going to graduate (Bachelor Degree) by 13 November 2025 in **Ethiopia; India; Malawi; Kenya; Mozambique; Namibia; Niger; Nigeria; South Africa; Tanzania; Uganda; Zambia; Zimbabwe** or in another country
- have a certification of at least level B2 CEFR proficiency in the English language issued no more than three years previously by one of the bodies certified by the Ministry of Universities



and Research (MUR) or specified on the University's website. For further information, please refer to the [University's website](#). Only the final level stated on the certification (B2, C1 or C2) will be taken into account for assessment purposes and not any interim levels. The Admissions Office may request that the original certification be lodged or require candidates to send it to the University via the certifying body. If the request is not complied with, the application for admission will be considered null and void. In the case of schooling done entirely through English, candidates will automatically be assigned level B2. In order to be assigned a higher level and hence obtain any bonus that may be associated therewith, candidates must submit one of the prescribed certifications when filling out the application.

- 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 7.0 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 candidacies 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 proved with a transcript of Records issued by the university or origin, complete with all examinations taken and to be taken and referring to each academic year of enrolment, with official stamp of the university of origin.
- The certificate must contain the official indication of the weighted average grade, preferably converted to a 4.0 scale (US grading system), referring to the end of the penultimate year of the degree programme (summer session of the 2023/2024 academic year). To apply Grade Point Average (GPA) from the previous bachelor degree should be at least 3.0 (24/30 referred to the Italian system) according to the local tertiary education grading system. In the case of degrees already obtained, candidates must attach the final diploma and Transcript of Records with the final grade, preferably converted to a 4.0 scale (US grading system). Should the certificate be issued in a language other than Italian, English or French, it must be translated by a qualified translator from among those specified by the Italian embassy in loco.
Please note that Transcripts of Records that do not comply with the prescribed requirements will not be taken into consideration for the purposes of taking part in the selection procedure. Therefore, unofficial documents, not referring to the end of the penultimate year of the academic programme and not specifying the weighted average grade data will be automatically rejected and not evaluated for the purposes of assessing the application.
- the academic year in which the eligible degree was awarded;
- the language level declared and certified as indicated in page 2, lett. e);
- 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 9, 2025.

The deadline for the enrollment is July 14, 2025.

Should selected student wish to renounce or withdraw from the programme, he/she may present a written formal renouncement/withdrawal before June 30, 2025.

In these circumstances, the Admission Board will consider the following shortlisted candidate, who must confirm his/her acceptance before July 7, 2025

Admission entails compulsory attendance of the program from September 1, 2025. Please note that the offer of admission will refer exclusively to the 2025/2026 academic year and will not be considered as valid for admission in subsequent years.

After acceptance for the scholarship, the selected student must present one of the following mandatory documents:

- [statement of comparability](#) from CIMEA. For documents required for issuing of the statements, please refer to CIMEA indication directly, or



- the Declaration of Value of the Diploma, issued by the competent Italian Embassy or Consulate of the Country to which the university system belongs

The selected student must send his/her CIMEA statement of comparability or the Declaration of Value of the Diploma to Luiss University, **before July 14, 2025 or at least before their arrival to Rome as UNICORE 7 student** 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. 2025-2026 will start on September 8, 2025, 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.

Privacy and Data Protection

Luiss, acting as Data Controller, collects and processes the personal data in full compliance with the general principles and rules established by the legislation on the protection of personal data (Legislative Decree 196/03 and subsequent amendments and additions, EU Regulation 2016/679). The processing is functional to the correct performance of the procedures of the Call for Scholarships for Refugees UNICORE 7.0: the characteristics of the processing are brought to the attention, by means of appropriate privacy notice (in attachments), of the data subject, who is also asked for consent to the processing of his or her information, if necessary, in relation to the purposes pursued by the Data Controller. At any time, the interested party may exercise the rights recognized by law (such as, by way of example, the right to access, rectification, cancellation, limitation and portability of data) by contacting the Data Controller, Luiss Guido Carli, Viale Pola 12- 00198 - Rome, e-mail: privacy@Luiss.it



Attachments: Privacy notice

Introduction

Luiss, the Free International University of Social Studies Guido Carli (hereinafter Luiss), is an autonomous university that offers an advanced training model.

This information describes the characteristics of the processing carried out by Luiss on the personal data of the data subject in relation to the application for the assignment of a scholarship awarded by Luiss, highlighting the rights that the legislation guarantees to the data subject.

This notice is periodically updated to adapt it to current legislation or to new methods of processing personal data.

What personal data do we collect?

The Data Controller collects and processes the following personal data:

- Identifying data (name, surname; tax code; date and place of birth);
- contact details (e-mail, telephone);
- certificate showing the studies completed (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).

For what purposes do we collect your data and why is the processing legitimate?

The Data Controller collects and processes the personal information of the data subject for the following purposes:

- manage the data subject's application and allow the same to participate in the call for applications (the legal legitimacy of the processing can be found in the contractual phase of the relationship between the University and the data subject);
- management of services instrumental to the application (the legal legitimacy of the processing can be found in the contractual phase of the relationship between the University and the data subject);
- verify the legitimacy to benefit from the economic benefit by acquiring certificates of documentation proving the need (the legal legitimacy of the processing can be found in the contractual phase of the relationship between the University and the data subject).

How does the Data Controller process your personal data and how long does it keep it?

The personal data of the data subject are processed both in paper and electronic form (servers, cloud databases, application software, etc.).

The Data Controller retains the data subject's information for a period identified according to the criteria of civil prescription and in compliance with specific sector laws, as well as on the basis of the terms necessary for the correct pursuit of the purposes identified above.



To whom do we disclose your personal data?

– Internal communication scope

Only employees and collaborators of the University who need it to offer the requested services can access the personal data of the member and limited only to information instrumental and connected to it. Especially:

- administrative staff;
- Employees;
- teaching staff.

Our employees and collaborators have been informed and trained on the importance of respecting the principles and rules regarding the processing of personal data.

– External communication scope

The Data Controller shares the personal information of the data subjects with some suppliers who assist it in the provision of the requested services and who are specifically appointed for this purpose as external Data Processors. Especially:

- third parties used by the Data Controller for the provision of services instrumental to the management of the overall relationship with the data subject.

If the supplier accesses the data, it will do so in compliance with the current legislation on the protection of personal data and the instructions given by the Data Controller.

The latter does not communicate personal information to other third parties without the consent of the data subject, unless this is required by law or by an Authority:

- in the event that it is necessary for reasons of national security;
- for reasons of general interest;
- in relation to a request from public authorities.

Is your data transferred abroad?

The member's data will not be transferred abroad.

What are your rights as a data subject and how can you exercise them?

The European Regulation on the protection of personal data (2016/679) guarantees the data subject specific rights. In particular, the right to access, rectify, object to processing aimed at commercial or exclusively automated activities, cancellation, limitation and portability of data, as well as the right to contact the Data Protection Authority.

If the interested party wishes to exercise the rights recognized by law, he/she may send, without any formality, an e-mail to the address privacy@luiss.it or write to the Data Controller, Luiss Guido Carli, at the address of Viale Pola n. 12 – 00198 – Rome, specifying his/her request and providing the information necessary to identify the applicant.

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The references of the Data Protection Officer (DPO) can be found on the website of the Data Controller www.luiss.it/contatti.

The Data Controller will take care to provide you with feedback within one month. If you are unable to provide feedback within the deadline indicated above, we will give you a detailed explanation of the reasons why we cannot comply with your request.