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12 marzo 2026

RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TERAMO

- CONSIDERING the Statute of the University of Teramo, enacted by Rectoral Decree No. 535 of 13 September 2022;
- CONSIDERING the resolutions of the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors dated 20 January 2026, by which the University joined the Inclusive University Manifesto, a network of Italian universities with international relevance coordinated by UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), aiming to facilitate refugees' access to higher education and promote social integration and active participation in academic life in Italy;
- CONSIDERING the 2025–2030 Strategic Plan of the University of Teramo, which foresees the enhancement of international cooperation initiatives;
- CONSIDERING the resolutions of the Academic Senate and the Board of Directors dated 30 January 2026, by which the University joined the 8.0 edition of the UNICORE Programme (University Corridors for Refugees), promoted by the UNHCR Office in Italy, enabling refugee students in third countries to enter Italy through a regular and safe pathway and continue their studies here, and establishing the award of a scholarship of €15,000 for the academic year 2026/2027 and €15,000 for 2027/2028, for a duration of two years, for a Master's degree program taught in English;
- HAVING VERIFIED the financial coverage,

HEREBY DECREES:

Article 1 – Call for Applications

A call is issued for the award of one (1) scholarship reserved for refugee students under the University Corridors for Refugees – UNICORE 8.0 Programme (Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe) for the academic year 2026–2027.

Article 2 – Eligible Study Programs

Applications are accepted for the following international Master's degree programs at the University of Teramo:

- Food Science and Technology
- Reproductive Biotechnologies

Article 3 – Application and Selection Procedures

The procedures for application, evaluation, and selection are outlined in the attached Announcement, which forms an integral part of this Decree.



**The Rector
Prof. Christian Corsi**

UNIVERSITY CORRIDORS FOR REFUGEES – UNICORE 8.0

**(Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria,
South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe)**

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ONE (1) SCHOLARSHIP FOR REFUGEE STUDENTS
ADMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF TERAMO**

Academic Year 2026–2027

Article 1 – Objectives, Scope, and Duration

1.1 The general objective of the UNICORE 8.0 Programme is to promote refugees' right to higher education by creating university corridors from Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe to Italy.

The Programme is promoted by a consortium of partners, including:

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Banca Etica
- Caritas Italiana
- Centro Astalli for Refugees
- Diaconia Valdese
- Gandhi Caritas
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) and Italian universities that have signed the national Memorandum of Understanding for UNICORE.

Beneficiaries are holders of international protection residing in the countries listed above and pre-admitted to one of the Master's degree programs specified in Article 3. Scholarships are awarded for the academic years 2026/2027 and 2027/2028. Merit requirements for scholarship continuation are specified in Article 6.

1.2 The University of Teramo will be supported by the following local partners:

- CLA University Language Centre for Italian language courses and certification;
- ADSU Teramo for canteen services.

1.3 The benefits granted to the scholarship holder include:

- Annual scholarship of €15,000 gross, payable in two installments, subject to merit requirements;
- Free intensive Italian language course at CLA;



- Tuition fee exemption;
 - Psychological support;
 - Dedicated tutoring by student mentors for academic and administrative guidance;
 - Full coverage of airfare (deductible from the scholarship if purchased by the University).
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Article 2 – Incompatibility

The UNICORE 8.0 scholarship is incompatible with:

- Any merit- or income-based scholarships awarded by the University of Teramo;
 - Scholarships funded by MAECI;
 - Scholarships provided by CRUI for holders of international protection;
 - Regional scholarships offered by ADSU.
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Article 3 – Eligibility and Admission Requirements

3.1 Eligible Master's programs:

- Food Science and Technology
- Reproductive Biotechnologies

3.2 Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Resident in one of the participating countries with refugee status recognized by UNHCR;
 2. Possess a valid degree for admission to the chosen Master's program;
 3. Degree obtained from 2021 onwards at a higher education institution recognized by the national Ministry of Education;
 4. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (or 60% equivalent);
 5. Meet program-specific requirements (Annex 2);
 6. Not previously enrolled in any Master's program at the University of Teramo or other UNICORE partner universities;
 7. Academic studies conducted in English or an official English language certification (see Annex "Admission Requirements").
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Article 4 – Selection Criteria and Application Documents

4.1 Selection is based on merit evaluation. Phase 1 involves document assessment by the program directors; the top 8 candidates proceed to Phase 2, an oral interview with a committee appointed by the Rector.

4.2 Required documents:



- Online application via UNHCR portal;
- Valid PoR Card or Refugee Identity Card;
- Degree certificate;
- Transcript of Records;
- Motivational letter (max. 2 pages);
- English language certification (if applicable);
- Optional: references or supporting documents.

4.3 Submission period: From publication until 17 April 2026, 19:00 (UTC+2) via [UNICORE portal](#). Only complete applications will be considered.

Article 5 – Selection Procedure

Phase 1: Document evaluation (0–40 points)

Phase 2: Online interview (max. 40 points)

Candidates must achieve at least 50/80 to be eligible. Ranking ties are resolved in favor of the younger candidate. Results will be published on the University website and approved by Rectoral Decree.

Acceptance must be confirmed within 10 days of notification.

Scholarship holders must complete preparatory Italian language courses and comply with all onboarding procedures; failure results in scholarship forfeiture.

Unclaimed scholarships or unmet requirements by 14 August 2026 will be reassigned according to ranking or to other eligible UNICORE candidates.

Article 6 – Renewal Conditions

- 30 credits by 30 September 2027 for scholarship renewal;
 - 60 credits by 30 September 2028 to maintain benefits;
 - Graduation by final session of the course (March 2029).
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Article 7 – Withdrawal

Withdrawal from studies entails automatic forfeiture of scholarship, benefits, and study permit.

Article 8 – Data Protection



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International Welcome Office

Personal data is processed according to EU Regulation 2016/679. Publication of PoR or Refugee Identity Card numbers on UNHCR and University websites is consented.

Article 9 – Final Provisions

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Allegato – REQUISITI DI AMMISSIONE

Annex – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Master's Degree in Food Science and Technology	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	<p>Titolo universitario triennale in Scienze e tecnologie alimentari o Food Engineering conseguito entro il 4 maggio 2026.</p> <p><i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in Food science and technology or Food Engineering to be awarded by May4th, 2026.</i></p>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	<p>Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B2 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo erogato in lingua inglese.</p> <p><i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B2 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English.</i></p>
Master's Degree in Reproductive Biotechnologies	
Requisiti accademici <i>Academic requirements</i>	<p>Titolo universitario triennale in discipline biologiche, biotecnologie, Scienze zootecniche e tecnologie delle produzioni animali, Classe delle lauree in Professioni sanitarie tecniche, Farmacia e farmacia industriale, Medicina e chirurgia, Medicina veterinaria conseguito entro il 4 maggio 2026.</p> <p><i>Three-year University Degree (Bachelor) in Biology, biotechnology, Animal science and animal production technologies, Degree class in Technical Health Professions, Pharmacy and Industrial Pharmacy, Medicine and Surgery, Veterinary Medicine to be awarded by May4th, 2026.</i></p>
Requisiti linguistici <i>Language requirements</i>	<p>Conoscenza della lingua inglese certificata, corrispondente al livello B1 (scala CEFR), o precedente titolo erogato in lingua inglese.</p> <p><i>Certification of English language proficiency corresponding to B1 level according to CEFR scale or previous degree taught in English.</i></p>