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Refugee projects

University of Trento experience

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Introduction

- **2015:** THE PROPOSAL BEGAN ON BEHALF OF THE VICE RECTOR OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICIES, PROF. BARBARA POGGIO, DUE TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF MIGRANTS IN OUR REGION (Trentino – North of Italy); NUMBERS: arrivals until April 4, 2018: 1.604 (Trentino has about 540.00 inhabitants)
- **2016:** AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PROVINCIA AUTONOMA DI TRENTO) TO WELCOME **5 STUDENTS PER YEAR OVER 5 ACADEMIC YEARS**
- **A.Y. 2016-17:** PROJECT START FIRST COHORT: LAMIN (Gambia), CHEICK (Ghana), ISLAM (Pakistan) E CHRISTELLE (Camerun) ARRIVED
- **A.Y. 2017-18:** SECOND COHORT: LAURIE (Ivory Coast), EVELYN (Ivory Coast), FARAKABA (Guinea), JUAN (Venezuela) and AYAD (Iraq)
- **A.Y. 2018-19** (beginning in Sept.): 12 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR 5 SCHOLARSHIPS

Right now we have **7 students enrolled to degree programs or to single courses:**

- 4 males and 3 females between 21 and 28 years old
- 2 Refugees, 3 Humanitarian protection and 2 Asylum seekers;

They are followed by peer guidance councilors and colleagues of the University support Offices: International office, Academic career office; our office E&D coordinate the whole project.



Welcoming Process

- **OCTOBER**: CINFORMI (Immigration Center of the *Provincia Autonoma di Trento* dealing with the arrivals of refugees in the Region – deal with the degree and interests based selection for the University
- **NOVEMBER**: International Support Division of the University evaluates academic qualifications
- **DECEMBER**: Guidance Office organizes orientation activities (groups and individual) to help choose their academic interest
- **JANUARY**: 1-on-1 meeting with the Vicerector, with the staff of Equality and Diversity office
- **From FEBRUARY**: transversal courses for all selected students:
 - Italian language courses at University Linguistic Center (FEB-MAY);
 - Preparation for the admission test (APRIL and AUGUST);
 - IT courses;
 - Participation at courses of their academic interests they choose (second semester FEB-MAY)
 - Take a Seminar on the legal implications of foreigner's conditions in Italy at the Law Department (APRIL)



Selection

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Restricted Admission



5 additional positions reserved for the registration of the asylum-seeker and/or refugee students



2 sessions of admission test: April and/or August/September

the applicants to the Project must pass an admission test reaching the minimum score of competence established by the faculties



The first 5 who pass the test are registered



If less than 5 people pass the test the remaining positions are assigned based on the drafting of a ranking list after the publication of the results of the admission test/the score of the admission test in September.



One out of the 5 places is reserved to the under-represented gender (Until now: women)

The **ranking list** is drawn up taking into consideration:

- The reached level of *Italian*;
- The *computer skills*;
- The *results* of the *course examination* “*The legal status of the foreigner*”;
- The *grade of the admission test*.

On equal credit the following criteria are taken into consideration:

- the *under-represented gender*;
- the behavior and *participation* (commitment);
- the reached level of *Italian*;
- the owned *status* (asylum-seekers or refugee);
- the *motivation*.

Those who did not pass the test but were selected according to the ranking list, have the **opportunity** to take the classes by **registering** to each **single course of the chosen bachelor's degree**.

Within **a year** they still **must pass the test, otherwise** they must **abandon the project**.



Benefits

Each academic year, the **5 registered** ones have **these benefits**:

- **tuition fee exemption**;
- **accommodation** (single bed in a double room) at the Student House;
- **meal card** for breakfast, lunch, dinner;
- **unisport card** + 1 course of choice;
- **transport card**;
- **library card**;
- the possibility to carry out **150 to 400 hours of paid part-time working activities** from the first year
- and because the 150 hours are helpful but not a solution, it was necessary to activate a **fundraising to bear the costs of basic commodities/essential goods**;
- general and specific **tutors**;
- the possibility to take **free language courses** at the CLA.



The most **difficult aspects** of this project is the **social integration** between them and the other students and the **studying organization**.

Other project for Refugees

Beside the main project, **other projects have been developed** in collaboration with territorial associations.

These are the **projects and the associations that we work with**. For more information you can refer to

<http://www.unitn.it/ateneo/55763/progetto-richiedenti-asilo-alluniversita>

Computer literacy for refugees



WIKIPEDIA
for REFUGEES



Progetto SuXr



Local Associations involved:
[Centro Astalli Trento](#)
[Atas Onlus](#)
[Fondazione Comunità Solidale](#)
[Kaleidoscopio](#)
[Punto d'Approdo/Infusione](#)
[Cooperativa Arcobaleno](#)
[Associazione More](#)
[Il gioco degli specchi](#)
[Famiglia materna](#)

Basketball: a world in a word



Progetto Teatro





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Thanks!

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