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## **UNIDROIT SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP AND RESEARCH PROGRAMME**

### **2023 SCHOLARSHIPS - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Applications due 30 September 2022**

#### **Introduction**

1. The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme is currently accepting applications for scholarships to be undertaken in 2023.
2. A limited number of research scholarships (1000€ per month) will be granted to outstanding post-graduate (doctoral) law students, lawyers, academics and government officials to undertake two months of research in the UNIDROIT library (exceptionally, scholarships can also be granted for three months). Candidates that are unsuccessful in applying for a funded scholarship may instead be invited to undertake a research stay at UNIDROIT on an unfunded basis.
3. During their research period at UNIDROIT, Scholars may be invited to deliver a short workshop on their topic. Following their research period, scholars are encouraged to consider submitting a paper to the Uniform Law Review for publication (<https://academic.oup.com/ulr>).
4. All scholarships must be undertaken in-person at the UNIDROIT Headquarters in Rome, Italy.

#### **Research areas**

5. Candidates may apply for scholarships in relation to any of UNIDROIT's work areas, existing instruments or current projects.
6. To support the UNIDROIT 2023 – 2025 Work Programme, special consideration will be given to applications for scholarships relating to the following topics (candidates may indicate their interest in researching matters related to more than one work area or project):

##### **1. Secured Transactions**

- a. The [Cape Town Convention](#) and its [Aircraft](#), [Rail](#), [Space](#) and [Mining, Agricultural and Construction \(MAC\)](#) Protocols;
- b. Development of a [Model Law on Factoring](#)
- c. Development of a [UNCITRAL/UNIDROIT Model Law on Warehouse Receipts](#)
- d. Possible future Protocols to the Cape Town Convention (Maritime Protocol and Renewable Energy Equipment Protocol)

**2. Agricultural Law and Development**

- a. [The Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts](#)
- b. Development of a guidance document on the Legal Structure of Agricultural Enterprises
- c. Implementation of the [UNIDROIT/FAO/IFAD Legal Guide on Contract Farming](#)

**3. Law and Technology**

- a. Development of a guidance document on [Digital Assets and Private Law](#)

**4. Civil procedure and enforcement**

- a. Development of [Best Practices for Effective Enforcement](#)

**5. International Commercial Contracts**

- a. The [UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts](#)
- b. Development of Principles on International Investment Contracts

**6. Capital Markets and Bank Insolvency**

- a. Development of [harmonised rules for bank insolvencies](#)

**7. Cultural property**

- a. The [1995 Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects](#)
- b. [Private art collections](#)

**8. Sustainable Development and Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance**

- a. Development of a guidance document on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence in Global Value Chains
- b. Legal nature of Voluntary Carbon Credits

**Application process**

7. To apply for a scholarship, candidates must submit the following documents in English or French:

- (i) Completed application form (<https://www.unidroit.org/research-and-internships/>)
- (ii) Short cover letter
- (iii) Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- (iv) Reference letters

8. In their application form, candidates are asked to nominate one or more 2 - 3 month period in 2023 during which they would intend to undertake their scholarship.

9. Candidates will be assessed on their cover letter, CV, research proposal, the value of the research to UNIDROIT, English/French proficiency and references.

10. Applications can be submitted to the Coordinator of the Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme, Ms Laura Tikanvaara: [l.tikanvaara@unidroit.org](mailto:l.tikanvaara@unidroit.org).

**Timeline**

11. Applications are due by **30 September 2022**. Short-listing will be undertaken in October and November 2022. Candidates will be informed of the outcome of their application by the end of December 2022.