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UNIDROIT SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP AND RESEARCH PROGRAMME

2022-2023 SIR ROY GOODE SCHOLARSHIP - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications due 30 September 2022

Introduction

- 1. UNIDROIT is currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 Sir Roy Goode Scholarship.
- 2. The Scholarship will provide one outstanding post-graduate (doctoral) law student, lawyer, academic or government official with the opportunity to undertake research in the UNIDROIT Library and work with the UNIDROIT Secretariat for a period of 6-9 months on one or more topics related to one of the Institute's high priority legislative projects or existing instruments. The Sir Roy Goode Scholarship provides a unique opportunity to gain valuable insights into the methods of private uniform law-making.
- 3. Applicants will have a postgraduate degree in law, exceptional academic results (honours or equivalent), and demonstrated knowledge and interest in private international law and/or international commercial law. Applicants must have an excellent knowledge of both spoken and written English. Knowledge of French and/or any other language is also considered an asset.

Research areas

- 4. The 2022-2023 Sir Roy Goode Scholar will undertake research on topics related to existing UNIDROIT instruments, or projects on the draft 2023-2025 UNIDROIT Work Programme (see Annexe I to this document).
- 5. In their cover letters, Candidates should nominate one or more UNIDROIT instruments or projects on which they would intend to undertake research on during the scholarship period.

Funding

6. The successful applicant will be provided with a monthly stipend of 1500€ per month for 6-9 months, in addition to return economy airfares from their country of residence and health insurance for the duration of their stay in Rome.

7. The scholarship holder may undertake their scholarship over a 12 month period (between November 2022 and October 2023), suspending payments during one or more months to be agreed with UNIDROIT. The scholarship holder should be prepared to work at the Seat of UNIDROIT in Rome for at least 65% of the time of duration of the scholarship.

Application process

- 8. Applications can be submitted to the UNIDROIT Scholarships, Internship and Research Programme Coordinator, Ms Laura Tikanvaara: l.tikanvaara@unidroit.org.
- 9. Applications must include:
 - i. Short cover letter (1-2 pages)
 - ii. Curriculum vitae
 - iii. Example of written academic work (for example: thesis, published article or book chapter)
 - iv. Reference letters
- 10. Candidates should nominate the 6-9 month period in which they intend to undertake the scholarship in their cover letter (the earliest possible start date is 1 November 2022 and the latest possible start date is 1 February 2023).

Timeline

11. Applications are due by **30 September 2022**. Short-listing and interviews will be undertaken in October. Candidates will be informed of the outcome of the selection process in November 2022.

ANNEXE I

DRAFT STRUCTURE OF THE NEW WORK PROGRAMME 2023-2025

As approved by the <u>UNIDROIT Governing Council at its 101st session</u> (Rome, 8-10 June 2022)

A. Legislative activities

High priority

Projects carried over from the 2020-2022 Work Programme

- Preparation of a Model Law on Factoring
- Best Practices for Effective Enforcement
- Digital Assets and Private Law
- Model Law on Warehouse Receipts
- Bank Insolvency
- Legal Structure of Agricultural Enterprises
- Rail and Space Protocols to the Cape Town Convention
- Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on Matters Specific to Mining, Agricultural and Construction Equipment

New project proposals

- Private Art Collections
- Legal nature of Voluntary Carbon Credits
- Unidroit Principles of International Commercial Contracts and investment contracts

Medium priority

New project proposals

- Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence in Global Value Chains
- Development of an Agricultural Financing Legal Guide

Low priority

Projects carried over from the 2020-2022 Work Programme

- Formulation of Principles of Reinsurance Contracts
- Preparation of other Protocols to the Cape Town Convention
 - a. Renewable Energy equipment

- b. Ships and maritime transport equipment
- Guide to enactment of the UNIDROIT Model Law on Leasing
- International Civil Procedure in Latin America

Exploratory work

New project proposals

- Private Law and Contemporary Health Research: Intellectual Property issues in the field of Personalised Medicine
- Global Value Chains: Governance issues and Digital challenges
- Standard-essential patents
- Digital transformation, data governance and artificial intelligence
- Access to Justice in Environmental Matters