

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PROGRAMME OF UNIDROIT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Article 1

The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) awards scholarships to lawyers from developing countries and from countries engaged in the process of restructuring their economies for the purpose of conducting research at the Institute in the fields of uniform law and comparative private law.

Periods of research at the Institute shall as far as possible be organised in association with periods spent by scholars at other institutes (comparative law centres, intergovernmental organisations, specialised legal training centres, etc., hereafter referred to as "associate" institutes) so as to offer to scholars the possibility of in-depth study of specific aspects of their research, in accordance with the sphere of competence of each institute.

Article 2

The number and value of the scholarships awarded by Unidroit will depend upon the contributions made by donors of a public and private character. Candidates are encouraged to make a preliminary investigation as to sources of funding, information regarding which shall accompany their application.

Article 3

Applications shall contain precise details regarding the object and purpose of the research to be undertaken and the proposed length of the study period, and shall be accompanied by the necessary supporting documentation (curriculum vitae, testimonials, evidence of investigation as to sources of funding).

Article 4

A committee composed of three members of the Governing Council (the Unidroit scholarships committee) or, in appropriate cases, the Secretary-General, shall be responsible for the awarding of scholarships without having to give reasons for the decision to accept or reject a candidate. Except in special circumstances, preference will be accorded to candidates whose research is directed towards a practical application corresponding to the statutory aims of Unidroit. The scholarships committee or the Secretary-General shall in each case determine the value and duration of the scholarship which shall as a general rule not exceed three months.

Article 5

During their study period with Unidroit, scholars shall have access to bibliographical material and technical facilities subject to the conditions determined by the Secretary-General.

Scholars shall, as far as possible, be associated with the daily life of the Institute and where appropriate invited to assist the Unidroit Secretariat within their sphere of interest.

Article 6

Unidroit shall co-operate with the associate institutes with a view to ensuring a concerted programme of study periods although Unidroit and the associate institutes shall retain exclusive competence in regard to the periods spent with them under a scholarship awarded by them.

Article 7

At the conclusion of the study period, scholars shall submit to the Unidroit scholarships committee a brief report on the study period spent with Unidroit and, where applicable, with the associate institute. In appropriate cases they shall make available to the Unidroit library a copy of their research work.

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