



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE UNIFICATION OF PRIVATE LAW  
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### **UNIDROIT call for Internship Applications: October – December 2017**

Established in 1926, The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) is an independent intergovernmental Organisation based in Rome. Its purpose is to develop methods for modernising, harmonising and co-ordinating international private and commercial law and to formulate uniform law instruments, principles and rules. Its work facilitates trade, contributes to international sustainable development, promotes education, advances international cooperation and exchange, and closes cultural gaps.

Each year, UNIDROIT welcomes a select number of interns to participate in the work of the Secretariat. Internship activities relate to subjects on the Institute's current Work Programme, and/or to UNIDROIT instruments that have already been adopted, in particular as regards to their implementation and promotion. Interns will generally be expected to conduct research on specific aspects of the chosen/assigned subject and/or to prepare concept notes, draft documents and reports of meetings, prepare translations, and generally assist the professional staff of the Secretariat.

Presently, UNIDROIT is looking for individuals with a specialised legal interest in the following subject areas:

- International Secured Transactions (with a particular focus on the [Cape Town Convention](#) and the [future MAC Protocol](#))
- Agricultural development law (with a particular focus on [land investment contracts](#) and [contract farming](#))
- Social enterprises: developing a "[Human Centred-Business Model](#)"

#### **Candidate Profile**

Applicants should have an excellent academic record, and a demonstrated interest in private international law or international commercial law. Candidates must have an excellent knowledge of both spoken and written English. Knowledge of French and/or any other language is also considered an asset. Preference will be given to candidates engaged in postgraduate legal studies (5 years +), however, students enrolled in undergraduate programs may also apply. Candidates are expected to be self-starters, pro-active and good at meeting deadlines.

Internships are normally three months in duration, however may be granted for shorter periods on a case by case basis. Internships for this intake will be undertaken from October until December 2017.

Currently, UNIDROIT internships are not remunerated and all interns are required to provide for adequate medical insurance coverage during their stay in Rome.

To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to Ms Laura Tikanvaara: [l.tikanvaara@unidroit.org](mailto:l.tikanvaara@unidroit.org) before **31 August 2017**.

Further information on the Institute's internship and scholarship program is available online at <http://www.unidroit.org/scholarships-and-internships>.