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# REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE UNIDROIT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

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## **Article 1**

The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) runs a Research Scholarship Programme, addressed to high level lawyers (post-graduate students, academics, government officials, judges ...), with special attention given to applicants from developing and emerging economies, for the purpose of conducting research at the Institute in the fields of uniform law and comparative private law.

## **Article 2**

The Programme is exclusively funded by extra-budgetary contributions. The number and value of the scholarships awarded will depend upon the contributions made by donors of a public and private character.

## **Article 3**

Applications shall be submitted by using the dedicated form, and shall specify the object and purpose of the research to be undertaken and the proposed length of the study period. Applications shall be accompanied by the requested references.

## **Article 4**

The UNIDROIT Secretary-General shall be responsible for the awarding of scholarships according to the following criteria, and subject to any specific requirements on the part of donors:

- the subject of the candidate's research project, which must be related to uniform law / international private law. Priority is given to subjects that fit in with the Organisation's [Work Programme](#);
- the project's potential for practical application in the beneficiary's country of origin. Priority is given to projects relating to the drafting of national laws or those aiming at promoting the study, implementation or adoption of uniform law instruments; and,
- the candidate's qualifications, position and linguistic skills. Although it is not a decisive factor, priority may be given to member State nationals.

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. Candidates who are not granted a scholarship may nevertheless be accepted for a period of independent research at their own expense.

## **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 much as possible, be associated with the daily life of the Institute and, where appropriate, be invited to assist the UNIDROIT Secretariat within their sphere of interest. Upon their arrival, scholars commit themselves to comply with the internal regulations of UNIDROIT.

## **Article 6**

UNIDROIT welcomes cooperation with other institutions (law faculties, comparative law centres, intergovernmental organisations, specialised legal training centres, etc.) with a view to organising joint scholarships tailored to the objectives of each participating institution.

## **Article 7**

At the conclusion of the study period, scholars shall submit to the UNIDROIT Secretariat a report on their research at UNIDROIT and, where applicable, with the associate institution. Contributions of an appropriate scientific level may be submitted for possible publication in the [Uniform Law Review / Revue de droit uniforme](#), subject to acceptance by its Editorial Board.

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