



The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) is an independent intergovernmental organisation based in Rome. Its team of professionals and technical support staff works to modernise, harmonise and co-ordinate private and in particular commercial law as between States and groups of States by preparing treaties, model laws, principles and other types of uniform rules.

In the context of a UNIDROIT - Banca d'Italia Chair Programme

We are currently inviting applications for the position of

Lead Researcher/Chair Holder

The ideal candidate is a dynamic academic/lawyer/jurist who, in addition to (i) an outstanding academic record (LLM/equivalent and, preferably, PhD/JursD), has (ii) an interest in, and a solid knowledge of, comparative private, commercial, banking, regulatory and/or private international law, and (iii) has acquired 5 or more years' experience as an academic/lawyer/jurist/legal officer, at a law firm, international organisation, research institution, university or national government in matters pertaining directly to the UNIDROIT, Bank of Italy and IVASS work programs on financial/banking topics. Special knowledge and experience concerning bank resolution and insolvency would be positively considered.

A national of a member State of UNIDROIT, he/she must have proven talent and experience for research and legal analysis of complex matters, involving both private law and banking matters, good communication and drafting skills, capacity to organise his/her work and carry out projects with minimum of supervision. Ability to work in multicultural environments is essential.

Under the direct supervision of the Secretary-General, the main duties include: (i) conducting legal research on selected topics of private law, commercial, or banking and insolvency law; (ii) preparing or helping prepare reports and drafts of international instruments and related documents; (iii) liaising with interested academic, professional and industry circles; (iv) organising meeting and consultations on relevant topics; (v) attending conferences and other outside meetings; (vi) making presentations on relevant topics; or (vii) performing other tasks as may be assigned by the Secretary-General.

Duration of the appointment: The envisaged duration of the appointment is 12 months, March 2021 – March 2022. Subject to satisfactory results and to successfully completing the necessary administrative procedures in both institutions, a second period, of equal duration, may be posted for applications upon finalisation of the current one.

Place of work: The successful candidate will be expected to work either from UNIDROIT's Seat in Rome or remotely as necessary. The candidate should plan to be at least 60% of the work time in Rome. Limited traveling on mission may also be part of the job assignment. This position is also open to candidates who have parallel research and/or academic engagements, provided the contractual deliverables and deadlines are met.

Compensation: The Chair Programme is jointly funded by UNIDROIT and the Bank of Italy, and provides for fixed fee of €3,000.00 per month, payable as per terms and conditions governed by article 50 of the UNIDROIT Regulations. Additional fees may apply based on performance and specific objectives. Medical coverage will also be provided.

Language requirements: excellent level of written and spoken English; other languages (e.g. Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian or Spanish) are considered an additional asset.

Applications should be addressed to the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, including CV and a cover letter, which must outline how the candidate's professional experience and profile would benefit the Institute's Work in the fields of [Bank Insolvency](#), [Digital Assets](#), and [Capital Markets](#), and sent by e-mail to

jobs@unidroit.org no later than 4 February 2021. The selection shall be made by a committee of both internal and external members and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.