

Call for applications

Deadline: 15 July 2023

The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law ([UNIDROIT](#)) is an independent intergovernmental organisation based in Rome (Italy). 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 law instruments.

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

the UNIDROIT Secretariat is currently inviting applications for the position of

Chair Holder

The Chair Holder is expected to assist UNIDROIT with its ongoing [Project on Bank Insolvency](#), which aims at developing international guidance that would help countries deal effectively with the failure of banks, even if they do not pose systemic risk. The Chair Holder is expected to conduct research on the key aspects of bank insolvency frameworks, including through the analysis of national laws and practices and taking into account relevant existing interational instruments, and any other tasks that would contribute to the development of a Legislative Guide that would assist legislators and policymakers seeking to reform or refine their bank liquidation regime.

In addition, the Chair Holder may be asked to assist the Secretariat with its new projects on the [Legal Nature of Voluntary Carbon Credits](#) and on [Law Applicable to Cross-Border Holdings and Transfers of Digital Assets and Tokens](#).

Ideal candidate: A dynamic academic/lawyer/legal expert who has:

- (i) an outstanding academic record (LLM/equivalent and, preferably PhD/JursD);
- (ii) an interest in, and a solid knowledge of banking and financial law, bank resolution and restructuring, deposit insurance systems and/or corporate insolvency law, preferably in multiple jurisdictions. Specific knowledge of Islamic banking would be positively considered;
- (iii) at least five years of experience as an academic/lawyer/legal expert, at a law firm, international organisation, research institution, university, or banking authority (central bank, bank supervisory authority, resolution or deposit insurance agency) involved in matters pertaining directly to the work of UNIDROIT, Bank of Italy and IVASS in the field of insolvency law and failure management in the financial sector.

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

Indicative list of activities: The Chair Holder's activities will include, among others, the following: (i) conducting legal research on selected topics relating to the management of failing banks and corporate insolvency law; (ii) contributing to the development of the Legislative Guide; (iii) assisting in the organisation of meetings, consultations, webinars, and the drawing up of reports; (iv) making presentations on relevant topics; (v) performing other tasks as may be assigned by the Secretary-General, which may include tasks relating to the above-mentioned projects on Voluntary Carbon Credits and Digital Assets.

Duration of the appointment: The envisaged duration of the appointment is 12 months: September 2023 – August 2024.

Place of work: The successful candidate will be expected to work at UNIDROIT's seat in Rome (Italy). Remote work may be authorised if necessary, but the candidate should be at least 50% (six months) of the work time in Rome. 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 Banca d'Italia, and provides for a fixed net fee of €3,000.00 per month, payable as per terms and conditions governed by the legal framework applicable to UNIDROIT staff. Medical coverage will also be provided.

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

Application process: Applications should consist of a CV and a cover letter, which must outline how the candidate's professional experience and profile would benefit UNIDROIT's work, and in particular the Bank Insolvency Project. Applications should be addressed to the Secretary-General of UNIDROIT, Professor Ignacio Tirado, and sent by e-mail to jobs@unidroit.org **no later than 15 July 2023**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.