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UNIDROIT SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP AND RESEARCH PROGRAMME

2024 MADRUGA BTW-UNIDROIT SCHOLARSHIP - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

(For Brazilian citizens only)

Applications due 31 January 2024

Introduction

1. The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law ([UNIDROIT](#)) Scholarship, Internship and Research Programme is currently accepting applications for the **Madruga BTW-UNIDROIT Scholarship** to be undertaken in 2024.

2. A two-month Scholarship will be granted to one outstanding Brazilian post-graduate (and exceptionally undergraduate) law student to undertake two months of research in the UNIDROIT library. A monthly stipend of 1500€ will be provided and an economy class return air ticket to and from the airport of closest residence to the successful applicant.

3. Candidate shall undertake research in-person at the UNIDROIT Headquarters in Rome (Italy) in coordination and under the supervision of a Legal Officer, member of the UNIDROIT Secretariat. Candidates may apply for this scholarship in relation to any of UNIDROIT's work areas, existing instruments or current projects. However, to support the [UNIDROIT 2023 – 2025 Work Programme](#), special consideration will be given to applications on the following topics (candidates may indicate their interest in working on matters related to more than one work area or project):

1. **Access to credit** ([Cape Town Convention and the MAC](#), [Rail and Space Protocols](#), [Model Law on Factoring](#), [Model Law on Warehouse Receipts](#))
2. **International commercial contracts** ([Investment Contracts](#), [UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts](#))
3. **Private law and agricultural development** ([Collaborative Legal Structure for Agricultural Enterprises](#), [Legal Guide on Agricultural Land Investment Contracts](#), [Legal Guide on Contract Farming](#))
4. **Law and technology** ([Digital Assets and Private Law](#))
5. **Capital markets and financial law** ([Bank Insolvency](#))
6. **Transnational civil procedure** ([Best practices for Effective Enforcement](#))
7. **Cultural property** ([1995 UNIDROIT Convention](#), [Private Art Collections](#))
8. **Sustainable development** ([Legal nature of Voluntary Carbon Credits](#), Corporate sustainability due diligence in global value chains)

4. During their research period at UNIDROIT, the Madruga BTW-UNIDROIT Scholar may be involved in the work of the Secretariat and may also be invited to deliver a short workshop on their topic. Upon completion of the Scholarship, UNIDROIT shall provide the final report prepared by the Scholar

to the Sponsor (the Madrugá BTW Law Firm). In addition, Scholars will be encouraged to consider submitting a paper to the Uniform Law Review for publication (<https://academic.oup.com/ulr>).

Application process

5. To apply for the Madrugá BTW-UNIDROIT scholarship, candidates must submit their: (i) Cover Letter, (ii) Curriculum Vitae (CV) and (iii) Reference Letters - as one complete PDF/Word document to research@unidroit.org.

6. Candidates will be assessed on their CV, language proficiency (English/French) and the value of their research proposal to UNIDROIT.

7. Madrugá BTW understands the importance of fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion, and to prioritise the creation of opportunities for candidates from diverse backgrounds. Based on this understanding a special consideration will be extended to candidates from historically marginalised underrepresented communities. We encourage individuals from all genders, ethnicities, races, and socio-economic backgrounds to apply, recognising the importance of embracing and celebrating the unique perspectives and contributions each individual can offer.

Timeline

8. Applications are due by **31 January 2024** and should be sent by email to the Coordinator of the Scholarships and Internship Programme, Ms Laura Tikanvaara at research@unidroit.org. Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed and informed of the outcome of their application by the mid-February.