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**UNIDROIT Academy
China Scholarship Council
Senior Internship Programme
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Terms of Reference

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organisation: International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)

Job Title: Senior Intern

Positions Available: 2

Internship Duration: 12 months

Location: UNIDROIT Headquarters in Rome, Italy

Background: The International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) is an independent intergovernmental organisation that was originally established in 1926 under the auspices of the League of Nations. UNIDROIT has 65 Member States and 116 Connected States, representing 74% of the world population and over 90% of global nominal GDP. UNIDROIT's objective is to develop modern international standards for commercial and private law. UNIDROIT has a primarily legislative function, and has prepared over 30 international instruments (treaties, model laws, model clauses, legal principles and legal guides) on various topics.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Senior Interns will assist in the legal projects of UNIDROIT with the delivery and implementation of projects on the [UNIDROIT Work Programme](#). In particular, UNIDROIT will be accepting senior interns to assist with each of the following projects (applicants are required to identify which projects they would be most qualified to support):

1. Private Art Collections-Orphan Objects
2. Collaborative Legal Structures for Agri-Enterprises/Agricultural Financing Guide / Model Law or Legal Guide on Legal and Regulatory Aspects of Investment-Based Crowdfunding (debt and equity)

3. Protocol to the Cape Town Convention on Matters Specific to Mining, Agriculture and Construction Equipment / Model Law and Guide to Enactment on Factoring
4. Model Law on Warehouse Receipts
5. Legal Nature of Verified Carbon Credits / UNIDROIT Principles on Digital Assets and Private Law / Regulation of Digital Risks through Civil Liability Law

Senior Interns will work closely with the Legal Officers and other UNIDROIT staff to deliver their responsibilities effectively.

Key responsibilities include:

- being responsible for projects that may result in the drafting of a legal guide, a model law or an international legal instrument;
- conducting legal research on selected topics of private law, commercial and private international law;
- preparing reports and initial drafts of international instruments and related documents;
- liaising with interested academic, professional and industry circles;
- organising meeting and consultations on relevant topics;
- attending conferences and other outside meetings;
- delivering speeches and making presentations on relevant topics;
- performing other tasks as may be assigned by the Legal Officers.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Educational qualifications: Master's degree or higher in law, with a focus on international commercial law, private law, or a related field.

Professional experience:

- 1-2 years of experience in legal research, drafting, and analysis, preferably in an international or intergovernmental setting.
- Experience in collaborating with diverse teams, including legal experts, and industry stakeholders from different cultural and professional backgrounds, is highly valued.
- Experience in international organizations, law firms, or legal departments will be considered favourably, especially if the experience involved working on international legal issues or projects.
- Exposure to legal projects in areas such as commercial law and private law is an advantage.



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Technical skills and competencies:

- Language proficiency: Minimum IELTS score of 7.0 or TOEFL score of 94. Strong English communication skills, both written and spoken (English is the primary working language).
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a team-oriented environment, supporting senior staff and managing multiple tasks efficiently.