

**GRADUATE STUDIES OPPORTUNITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND TOURISM STUDIES, BROCK UNIVERSITY  
**TOURISM AND HERITAGE INTERPRETATION  
AT A MEDIEVAL ENGLISH CASTLE**



The *Environments of Change* research network seeks a potential MA candidate to write a thesis on **tourism approaches and heritage interpretation needs at Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex**. The candidate will produce an MA thesis which provides a roadmap for tourism interpretation by a wide audience, including scholars, policy makers, and the public. The thesis will also consider the historical environmental contexts of the estate and its historic gardens. Based at Brock University, the candidate will be working with an interdisciplinary team of scholars and practitioners from Canada and the UK.

Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), the *Environments of Change* project is a seven-year, \$2.5 million initiative involving industry, education, the public sector, and academia. It will

use digitized media to find new ways to communicate how weather, climate, pollution, water availability, land access, and the production, supply, and distribution of natural resources have shaped how humans lived over the past 600 years, and how historical human activity has impacted so much of the natural world.

Applicants must meet the admission requirements for domestic students in Brock University's MA Program in Geography, and will earn an MA in Geography. (A formal undergraduate degree in Geography, however, is *not* a prerequisite).

**Graduate Studies funding and Teaching Assistantship opportunities will be provided.** An additional bonus will be provided to an applicant with a high academic entrance average. Research Fellowship opportunities are also competitively available to support ongoing thesis research. In addition: **Funding will also be provided to travel, live, study, and work at Herstmonceux Castle.**

The ideal candidate should have a strong academic record, a demonstrated interest in tourism and interpretation (ideally including both conventional and digital approaches), some relevant background in cultural and environmental heritage and history, and an interest in helping to match the rich and diverse heritage resources of the Castle and grounds with the needs of a wide audience in a theoretically sound and practically implementable manner.

**The position is open immediately, with an anticipated formal starting date of September 2019.  
Interested candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.**



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