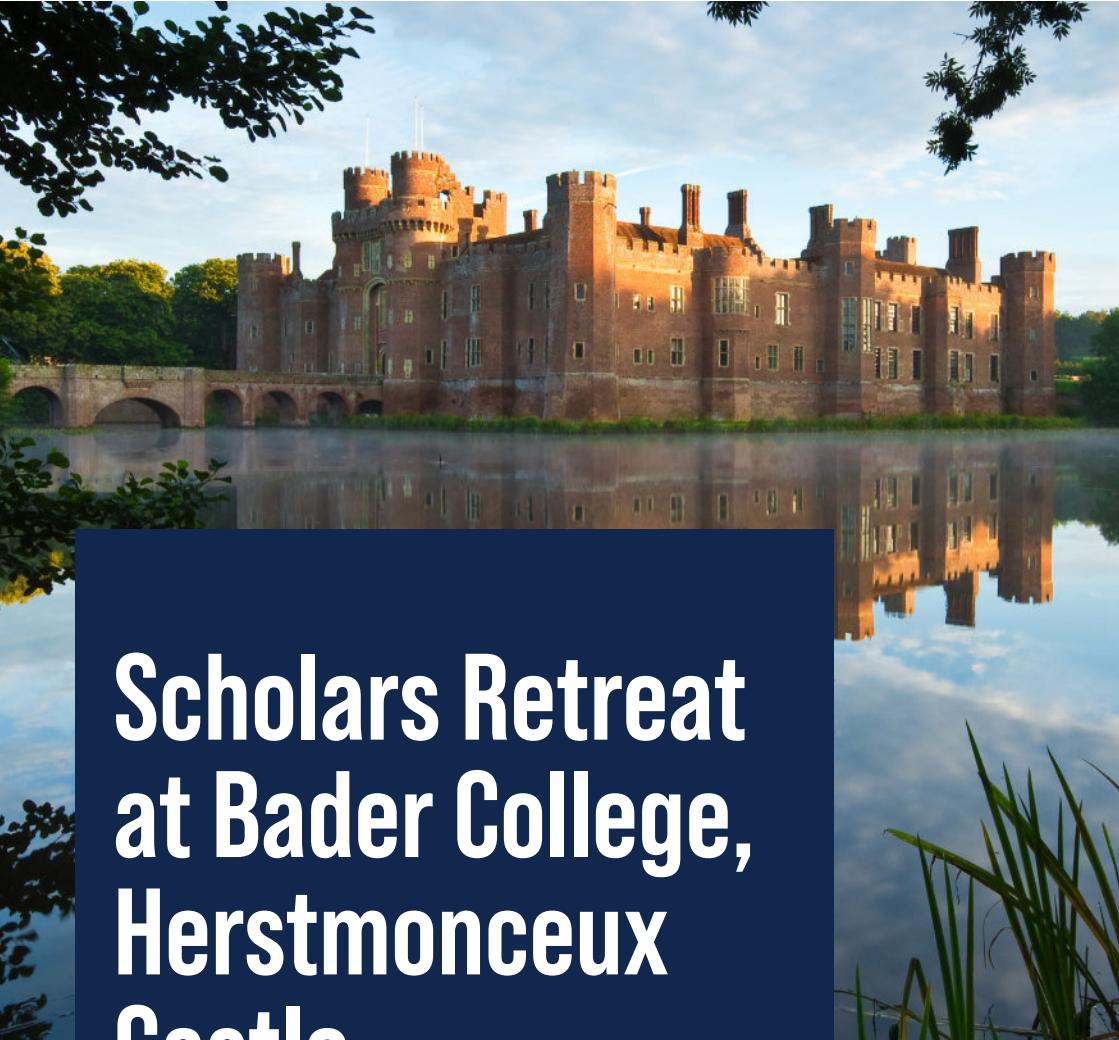




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CASTLE ESTATE



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Queen's University



# Scholars Retreat at Bader College, Herstmonceux Castle

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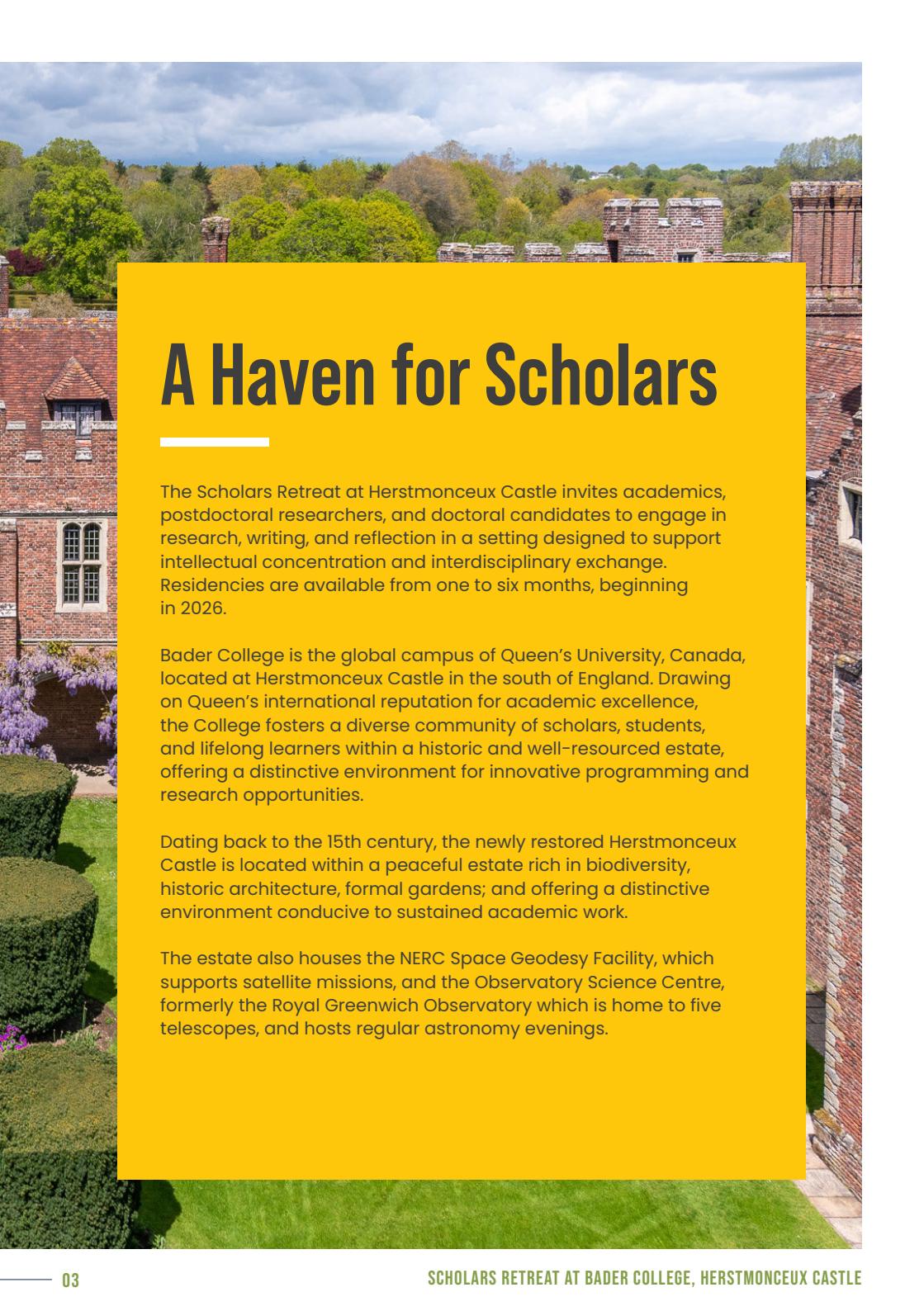


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**The Castle is beautiful, the grounds are enchanting, and the locale is perfect for research – not far from the major archives but secluded enough to permit deep contemplation. I've ached to get back.**

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DR ANDREW LOMAN



# A Haven for Scholars

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The Scholars Retreat at Herstmonceux Castle invites academics, postdoctoral researchers, and doctoral candidates to engage in research, writing, and reflection in a setting designed to support intellectual concentration and interdisciplinary exchange. Residencies are available from one to six months, beginning in 2026.

Bader College is the global campus of Queen's University, Canada, located at Herstmonceux Castle in the south of England. Drawing on Queen's international reputation for academic excellence, the College fosters a diverse community of scholars, students, and lifelong learners within a historic and well-resourced estate, offering a distinctive environment for innovative programming and research opportunities.

Dating back to the 15th century, the newly restored Herstmonceux Castle is located within a peaceful estate rich in biodiversity, historic architecture, formal gardens; and offering a distinctive environment conducive to sustained academic work.

The estate also houses the NERC Space Geodesy Facility, which supports satellite missions, and the Observatory Science Centre, formerly the Royal Greenwich Observatory which is home to five telescopes, and hosts regular astronomy evenings.

# A Place of Peaceful Inspiration

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The Castle library, located off the courtyard cloisters, is refurbished in neo-classical style, and provides a quiet retreat overlooking the south-facing formal gardens.

The estate includes a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest. Much of its ancient woodland – known to be wooded since at least the 1600s – creates a rich haven for biodiversity, supporting species established over centuries. Plans are now underway to rewild significant areas of the estate, increasing biodiversity and providing research opportunities.

Set within 600 acres of English countryside, the estate is lush with beautiful ponds, marshlands, wildflower meadows, and historic parkland. A network of trails criss-crosses the grounds, perfect for morning jogs or evening strolls.





# Designed for Rest and Renewal

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Scholars are accommodated in David Smith Hall or Bader Hall. Both offer private en-suite rooms or apartments designed to support rest and quietude. The residences are a short walk from the Castle itself, where each scholar has access to a dedicated office.

Each office is equipped with:



**Reliable high-speed wi-fi**



**A comfortable desk & chair**



**Multiple power sockets**



**Quality task lighting**

Enjoy seamless transitions between comfortable living, productive working, and active rejuvenation – including access to an on-site gym and indoor sports hall (perfect for badminton, basketball, and more).







# Beyond the Castle Walls

Your time at Herstmonceux Castle unlocks more than just the estate; it's a gateway to the rich historical, natural, and cultural tapestry of southeast England and beyond. Explore with ease:



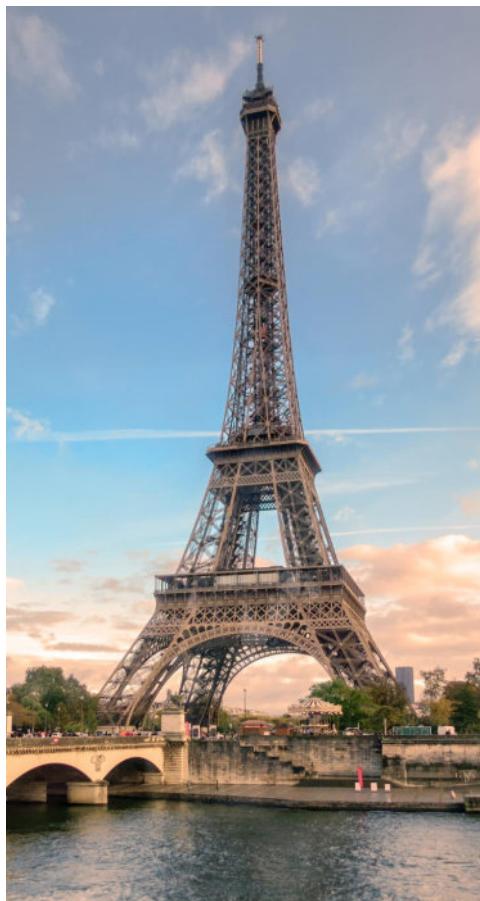
**Academic Hubs:** Benefit from swift rail connections to London, placing you within easy reach of the British Library and the academic hubs of Imperial College London, UCL, and the LSE. Enjoy access to world-class museums, West End theatre, and vibrant culture, with Oxford and Cambridge also readily accessible for day trips.



**European Gateway:** Positioned perfectly, the Castle offers straightforward access to major European capitals. Paris, Berlin, Rome, and more are just short flights away.



**Sussex Heritage:** Discover a rich tapestry of history, from ancient Roman ruins and the South Downs National Park to the iconic white cliffs and the lively, creative seaside city of Brighton.



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During my time at Bader College, I was able to build key partnerships in London, around the UK, and throughout continental Europe to expand my professional and academic network. There is no better place than Bader College at Herstmonceux Castle to position oneself in establishing and expanding global collaboration, broadening research partnerships, and sharpening one's writing in a peaceful, yet invigorating, place of academic excellence.

**BETH RICHAN**  
DIRECTOR GLOBAL HEALTH



# Residency Fees and Facilities

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Rates are outlined below and include accommodation (serviced weekly), access to office space, and use of shared academic and fitness facilities.

Meals are self-catered. Essentials are available at reception, with additional options for local grocery delivery or dining at the Castle café.

## Facilities include:

- Library (in the Castle)
- Gymnasium with workout equipment
- Faculty Common Room at David Smith Hall

Accommodation (serviced weekly)	Duration	Price
Faculty Ensuite	1 Week	£329
	2 Weeks	£630
	1 Month	£1,200
	Stays of 2 months or longer	£1,050 (per month)
Bader Hall Apartments	1 Week	£371
	2 Weeks	£700
	1 Month	£1,350
	Stays of 2 months or longer	£1,200 (per month)
David Smith Hall Apartments	1 Week	£406
	2 Weeks	£770
	1 Month	£1,500
	Stays of 2 months or longer	£1,350 (per month)

Our packages are designed to be adaptable. Talk to us about your ideal stay and we can tailor a package that suits your needs.



Learn more at

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