



**Kaitlyn Lieschke, The 2016-17  
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My name is Kaitlyn Lieschke and I am from Wollongong, Australia. In 2015 I completed a Bachelor of Science Advanced, majoring in Chemistry and was awarded First Class Honors for my final year of research in Atmospheric Chemistry. The focus of my honors thesis was analyzing decadal-scale trends in Australia's atmospheric composition. I am thoroughly looking forward to studying at UC Berkeley where I will be completing my PhD in Atmospheric Chemistry. Ultimately I aim to pursue a career in academia where I will be able to follow my passion for research while also using the

knowledge that I gain to teach and encourage the next generation of scientists.

During my undergraduate degree I spent a year abroad in Germany studying Chemistry. I also began studying the German language, which I am still learning and try to speak as often as I can (aber meine Grammatik ist immer noch schlecht). The opportunity to live and study in Germany allowed me to gain an understanding of the German culture and people, as well as to travel further to other countries and experience their cultures.

I am thrilled to be staying at International House where I will have the chance to engage with people from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures and hopefully create some life-long friendships. I am extremely excited to be embarking on this next adventure and am grateful to have a supportive community at I-House to look forward to, which will help me to settle into my new life in America.



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