



**Prosper Dzanwa, The 2016-2017
Daniel Mouen-Makoua Gateway Fellow
at International House, UC Berkeley**



My full name is Prosper Anesu Dzanwa. I am the first born in a family of four. My native nation is Zimbabwe. I came to the United States in 2012 on a four year scholarship to Morehouse College. My father died of liver cancer five days after my A'level final examination and I never imagined myself proceeding with education because he was the breadwinner of the family. My mother did not have a job so could not finance me to attend university. I looked for scholarships until I got one to Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia.

I did Math, Further Math, Chemistry, and Physics at my A'level and I have a BSc in Chemistry and a minor in Math from Morehouse College. I will be doing PhD in Chemistry at UC Berkeley. I am also in the oldest and most stellar honors' society Phi Beta Kappa. My native language is Shona, but I can speak English fluently and Spanish rarely. Coming to Morehouse made me a global person through interaction with people from different backgrounds, people with a different history, and I learned to appreciate their struggles and triumphs. My personal goal is to be a man who is well-rounded, well-traveled, well-spoken, and well-dressed for success.

Living at the International House will be a great opportunity to network with other students from different nationalities and make new friends from across the globe. It's a great chance to learn about different cultures and this is paramount because I want to be a well-rounded person, not just confined to a particular culture. It's also an opportunity to learn basic language skills from different countries.

I will also contribute to the International House family in vast ways like teaching basic cultural things, what people from my country value most, language and most importantly promote intercultural experiences and leadership skills for a world of greater understanding.



The Daniel Mouen-Makoua Gateway Fellowship was established in 2009, with the priority of supporting incoming or continuing international doctoral students from sub-Saharan Africa.

Mr. Mouen Makou own words on the purpose for this fellowship: *"As Cameroonian, there is nothing closer to my hart than seeing a strong Sub-Saharan African region. I belong there and have lived with the desire to contribute as best I could to see this change happens. Setting up the Mouen Makoua Gateway Fellowship stems from my belief that sustainable growth and wealth will be created in Africa by Leaders which show: a vision for their people; competence allied with a deep understanding of the world and its challenges; strong moral and ethics; a strong local and international support network. I believe the fellowship will offer an invaluable opportunity for a young African student to acquire knowledge in the best possible conditions, develop a vision, meet fellow students and create long lasting bonds."*