

Zihan Liu, The 2016-2017 Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellow at International House, UC Berkeley



I am Zihan Liu. I was born in Northern China. After finishing my secondary schools in my home town, I went across half of China to The Chinese University of Hong Kong for Bachelor's degree. Now I am looking forward to my graduate life here in UC Berkeley. My research interest lies in network, communication and machine learning. I am pursing a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at UC Berkeley.

I speak Mandarin, English and Cantonese, and I am learning French now. I have made some efforts in promoting communication and understanding between different groups of people in both Hong Kong and mainland China.

I conducted research on lives of neo-immigrants in Hong Kong. I joined a service-learning group to learn more about lives of migrant children in Southwest China and proposed plans to improve their education.

In addition, I organized an activity in the university inviting students from multiple cultural backgrounds to teach different types of dances. I am also a Kunqu Opera lover. I participated in stage performing and TV interviews to promote the fantastic cultural heritage to the public. I am always excited in experiencing and enjoying various cultures, because I believe the intrinsic beauties beneath different human cultures and faiths have much in common. That is why I trust my time in I-House will be unforgettable. I want to meet people who can share the most appealing part of their cultures with me, like art, thoughts and of course, food. But most importantly, I desire to meet people as who they are. I think I-House is blurring the boundary between groups of people so that we can get to know each other as individuals without tags.

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The Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship was established in 2005 by International House alumnus Kwei Sang Ü and his Canadian wife, Michele. With this scholarship named in memory of their son who died in his infancy, Kwei and Michele wish to support the mission of International House by supporting incoming doctoral students pursuing studies in any academic field of study who are citizens from outside the U.S. for up to two consecutive years.

Kwei Ü's family has had a long and meaningful relationship with International House. His aunt, Djoh-I LI, was one of its earliest residents. In 1947, his father, Man Foo Peter Ü, lived at International House. Professor Choh Ming LI, Kwei's uncle, took a sabbatical from the University of California in 1963 to found The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and upon his retirement, returned to Berkeley and served on the International House Board of Directors.