

Junsheng Zhang, The 2019-2020 Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellow at International House, UC Berkeley



I'm Junsheng Zhang, from China, a new Ph.D. student in Mathematics at UC Berkeley. I graduated with my Bachelor's degree from the University of Science and Technology of China (USTC) this year. I majored in pure mathematics and I want to be a mathematician in the future. I like playing table tennis, basketball and badminton.

At USTC, I received systematic training in mathematics and took various courses in physics and computer science. My interest in mathematics deepened at the beginning of my college life, when I learned how to use methods in mathematical analysis to prove Kepler's law. After taking various lectures and different courses in different branches of mathematics, I have found my true interest.

I not only devote myself to mathematics study, but I am also willing to share my ideas with my classmates and help them when they are in need. I was privileged to be the class president of our Loo-Keng Hua Talent Program in Mathematics when I was a sophomore. There are about 30 students in this program, which aims to cultivate top math students at USTC. Through organizing various class activities and helping classmates solve problems in life and in their studies, I developed qualities such as comradery, leadership, and communication skills.

I'm thrilled at the prospect of being part of the International House community and thank the Kwei Sang Ü family for giving me such a chance. I am eager to meet people from all over the world and share our experiences and stories with each other. It is also a great chance to learn about different cultures and learn some basic language skills from different countries.

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The Adrian Hao Yin Ü Gateway Fellowship was established in 2005 by International House alumnus Kwei Sang Ü and his 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.