



Yiming Zhang, the 2019-20 Chevron-Xenel Ph.D. Gateway Fellow at International House, UC Berkeley



I am Yiming Zhang, an international student from China and a first year Ph.D. student in the Earth and Planetary Science Department. I received my undergraduate degree in Geology from Occidental College, Los Angeles. I am particularly interested in the study of paleomagnetism.

Paleomagnetism is a vital tool in earth science and planetary sciences. I find it rewarding that knowledge in this field leads me to areas of interdisciplinary research. I have also thrived in the diverse student population at Occidental. I worked at the coffee lounge as a barista at school and have successfully organized the annual Lunar New Year events for the local community around Occidental College. My experiences in the work place, college clubs, classrooms, outdoor field sites, and research groups have made me confident about my ability to work with people from backgrounds different than mine. I look forward to the opportunity to bring that skill to the International House and also my graduate program at Berkeley.

I was very excited to learn that parents of my academic advisor at Occidental College used to live in I-House decades ago. I will be living in the historic wing and am looking forward to contributing to the rich history of this place. I am also really excited to make new friends here. This fellowship will very much help me with the transition into graduate school at Berkeley. Thank you very much for the generous support of this prestigious fellowship.



The Chevron-Xenel Ph.D. Gateway Fellowship was established in 2006 by Chevron Corporation and Xenel International USA, with the goal of bettering the relationship between East and West. This fellowship supports residency at International House to an eligible first year doctoral student from preferred country and academic area, and with demonstrated financial need.