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I am an incoming PhD student in the Geography Department with a B.A. in Urban Studies and a B.S. in Conservation & Resource Studies. My interests lie in hydrogeology and climate change, specifically on the impacts that each has on the chemical composition of coastal systems. My research will be conducted under the Moorea IDEA, a multi-university initiative working to advance the complex systems modeling process as well as drive policy on Moorea. Since French is the main language spoken in Moorea, I am currently in the process of learning it for field work purposes. French is also one of the four native languages of my home country, Switzerland, so I am glad to finally take the time to learn it. Switzerland, however, is not my only home.

Like many others in this globalized world, I'm not a product of just one country. When isolating the previous three generations of my family, I am considered three eighths Swiss, one fourth Croatian, one fourth Polish, and one eighth Austrian. Of those countries I have only lived in Switzerland, which is where my relatives live and where I was born though not fully raised. In the later years of my childhood I lived in the United States, specifically Ann Arbor, Michigan. While at home I speak Swiss-German, eat Swiss food, and celebrate Swiss holidays, I step outside to American cities, American schools, and primarily American friends.

I really look forward to living at I-House given it provides a space outside my home, though still within America, where I can be with other non-natives. I am excited to hear everyone's stories and maybe I will even find someone with whom I can practice French.



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