

Sebastian Fernandez, the 2018-2019 Allan and Kathleen Rosevear Gateway Fellow at International House, UC Berkeley



My name is Sebastian Fernandez, and I have been honored with a Gateway Fellowship at the International House. I will be starting my graduate studies in the Plant and Microbial Biology Department in the 2018-2019 academic year and this fellowship comes as a tremendous distinction. After graduating from Washington State University, I spent two years working as a research assistant in the Biosystems Engineering Department where we work on renewable energies, deliverables and downstream processes. I have been involved in my community as a youth soccer coach, taking an active role in the development of young boys in all aspects of their lives. I also enjoy mountaineering through the Pacific Northwest and weightlifting.

As someone who was brought to the US at a young age, and later became a DREAMer I can understand how hard it is to move across the world, start a new life, learn and adapt to a new culture. I have the perspective to relate to incoming students and be able to understand, empathize and relate to them while being an example that hard work pays off. I am looking forward to living in the I-House at Berkeley, meeting new friends and sharing my story.

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The Allan and Kathleen Rosevear Gateway Fellowship was established in 2007 by International House alumnus Allan Rosevear and his wife Kathy. This fellowship prioritizes support of students pursuing studies in Physics and Astrophysics.

Mr. Rosevear was employed at North American Aviation Autonetics Division, Rockwell International, and Boeing Company in Anaheim, CA, retiring in 1998. His work included development and production of inertial instruments and navigation systems, computer systems design, and software engineering. Mr. Rosevear's hobbies include gardening, hiking, travel, and model railroading. Originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Rosevear graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics from Earlham College in 1960 and enrolled at UC Berkeley the same year, earning his Master's degree in Physics in 1962 under the Chairmanship of Carl Helmholz. Mr. Rosevear lived at I-House for two years, forming friendships with students from around the world.