



## Philip Rauber - Fellow for 2007-2008



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Name	Philip Rauber
Born	April 17, 1982
Hometown	Winterthur, Canton of Zurich
Major	Cand. B.A. in Economics (2008), University of St.Gallen
Languages	English, German, French
Interests	Hiking, jogging, and history of American foreign policy

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### **I grew up in...**

...Unterstammheim, a small village in a region called “wine county” close to Zurich. At high school, I initiated my first successful “large-scale” project, being responsible for the interior redesign of my high-school in close cooperation with one of the governors of the Canton of Zurich. Being interested in foreign cultures and languages, I was selected from a competitive field of candidates to represent Switzerland as an AFS Exchange Student in Australia.

### **While studying...**

... Economics at the University of St.Gallen, I won a University award for excellence in business plan writing and studied in Bordeaux (France) focusing on “wine sales & brand management”. Also, I was chosen to organize two student exchange programs with leading Asian universities such as Tongji University in Shanghai and the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur. Furthermore, in spring 2007 I was fortunate to be selected for one of the rare intern positions in the strategic business development branch of Credit Suisse Private Banking in Zurich.

### **My dream...**

... of working and living in the United States has come true, thanks to the Swiss-California Foundation. I am thrilled to enhance my knowledge about local economic development as well as American business culture, and I am interested in closely watching the presidential election race. Last, but not least, I am very much looking forward to the coming seven months and I will be delighted to keep you up-to date on the achievements of the Swiss-California Foundation.