



## 2023-2024 Spouse Education Fund

### Annual appeal for donations



*2022-2023 CCIS Student Education Fund award granting ceremony.  
Included are grantees, program administrators, and contributors to the fund.*

**Now in its 37<sup>th</sup> year, the Spouse Education Fund offers grants of up to \$500 to enable spouses/partners of international students, post-docs and visiting scholars to take advantage of personal, professional, or educational opportunities. The grants are intended to provide spouses with encouragement, support, and financial assistance. Feedback we've received...**

*"I want to share my deep appreciation for the grant. As a spouse of an international student, the first months here were tough—a new environment, far from my friends and family, and without a job. The grant made me feel like someone cares about me and that I'm part of the community. I think that even more important than the financial part is the community and caring feeling that I got." —Shir, Israel*

*"I would like to thank you for providing this opportunity while my husband pursues his Master's degree at Stanford University. Being able to grow alongside him in this journey has been immensely meaningful to both of us. We believe that as a couple, it is essential to support and encourage each other's personal and professional growth, and this program has allowed me to do just that." —Aidana, Kazakhstan*

*"Like other spouses who come to Stanford with F-2 Visa, I had to quit my job to come here, and I could not work. Though Stanford is a lovely place, and I love that our family has bonded more since we arrived, it was a dead-end career-wise. But I studied Data Science using Python which was related to my work and my career goal." —Soo Yeon, South Korea*

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It is a privilege for all of us, CCIS members and friends, to make such a meaningful experience possible. The grantees chose to study diverse fields. More feedback about their experiences...

*"I was able to systematically learn about the technical and business aspects of IoT. Additionally, I was able to gain experience implementing prototypes in teams. It was my first experience learning and developing technical matters in English. It was a great opportunity for me and will definitely be a good point for my future career." — Airi, Japan*

*"[My course in Google Data Analytics] has been absolutely inspiring and for the first time in years, I felt which direction to take professionally." —Marina, Brazil*

*"The grant has been a game changer in my search to establish myself professionally in the US since at the end of the course I have received many more job interview offers than before. I was finally hired as an Assistant Project Manager in a construction company." —Michaela, Uruguay*

All SEF recipients go through a detailed application and interview process. They are required to complete a report at the end of their course to explain the benefits of their experience.

*"I loved how serious the process was with the application, the interview, the ceremony, it made me feel seen, appreciated and supported." —Mardi, the Netherlands*

*"Thank you to the SEF Donors for making my spring quarter here a positive and fulfilling one. The class [Public Speaking] gave me the purpose that my life was lacking and has given me the confidence to pursue other professional interests in the remainder of my time at Stanford." —Aoife, Ireland*

**Use the instructions below to Make a Donation to the Spouse Education Fund.** If you wish, you may create a legacy fund in your name or in the name of someone whose honor or memory you choose to acknowledge. **Any amount is appreciated and will truly make a difference in the experience of an international spouse.** Thank you in advance!

The CCIS-SEF Committee appreciates your past support and welcomes your participation this year. **Send your questions to: Dolly Verplank at: [spousefund@ccisstanfordu.org](mailto:spousefund@ccisstanfordu.org)**

Sincerely,  
Dolly Verplank for the CCIS-Spouse Education Fund Committee

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