



**Guiding Principles for
Volunteers of
Community Committee of International Students
(CCIS)
Bechtel International Center
Stanford University**

Our contemporary world is marked by increasing globalization, greater connectedness, and ease of movement. Knowledge and awareness of other peoples, countries, cultures and beliefs is of utmost importance.

Our decisions and actions should be guided by the goals of supporting international students, post-docs, scholars and their families at Stanford University and promoting interaction between the local community and the Stanford international population.

We, CCIS member volunteers, declare our commitment to the following statement of guiding principles:

- **Keep the welfare of Stanford international students, spouses and families foremost.**
- **Treat all individuals with a sense of dignity, respect and worth. Make a personal commitment to be nonjudgmental about cultural differences, beliefs, or points of view.**
- **Be dependable, recognizing the commitment and responsibility to our volunteer assignments.**
- **Be open to and supportive of Stanford internationals in our CCIS assignments and with Bechtel International Center staff.**
- **Not preach to anyone or pressure anyone to accept our political, cultural, and/or religious beliefs.**
- **Respect all confidential information.**
- **Act in a manner that merits the trust and confidence placed in CCIS.**
- **Seek out appropriate guidance and advice when a situation is beyond our role or competency.**
- **Strive to provide high-quality service and programs through regularly reviewing and evaluating our work.**
- **Strive to ensure our programs reflect the diversity and goals of the Bechtel International Center.**