



## Spouse Education Fund (SEF) 2016-2017 Testimonials



### **Ai Qin Xia, China**

I am truly grateful and honored to have received the Spouse Education Fund grant. This is indeed a great program. Without the grant, I am not sure if I would ever take the language structure course which turned out to be beneficial to me. Education is expensive in the States, and because of the donors of SEF program, spouses like me could have the chance to perfect our skills and continue to pursue our career goals. I greatly appreciate the devotion from the donors as well as the efforts of the SEF committee. Thank you all for making this program work so well.



### **Jason Smith, Canada**

I really appreciate the opportunity to advance my professional learning using this grant. Finances are tight for the families of international students and it can be isolating to come to a new country with no family or friends. It has also been difficult for me to take time off from my career in order to facilitate my partner's dream... Your generosity helped me acquire a new qualification that will allow me to be more competitive when I return to the job market, but more importantly helped me to be an active participant in my professional community and feel confident in my ability to re-establish myself.



### **Begum Topac, Turkey**

I'd like to express my sincerest gratitude to the donors for allowing me to be a member of Stanford community. I believe this course will be one of the most significant steps in realizing my pursuit of becoming a Stanford student. I assure you that I am going to use my learning from this course in enriching our valuable community whose members are fostering each other. Your generosity meant a lot not only to me but also to all spouses and their families and your energy and positive attitude helped us get the encouragement we need.