



What is your name? Where are you from?

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How long have you been at Stanford? And how long do you expect to be here?

I have been here for one year and am planning to be here three more years.

Are you a student or a spouse at Stanford? What are you/your spouse studying?

I am a student and also a spouse at Stanford. My spouse is doing his PhD in Electrical Engineering.

How did you hear about the CCIS? What do you know about the work they do with Stanford students and spouses?

I heard about CCIS from the Bechtel International Center. CCIS helps spouses to maintain their life at Stanford; they arrange social and cultural events too.

Which CCIS programs are you participating in and in what capacity?

I participated in CCIS's Spouse Education Fund program and got \$500 from there, which helped me with the tuition for pursuing my MS degree.

When and how did you decide to participate in these CCIS programs?

I decided to take part last summer.

How has your experience been taking part in CCIS's programs?

It was a really great experience to join CCIS events like cultural gatherings. Through this, I could meet many international spouses and learn about their experiences.

What message would you like to give to the CCIS?

Dear CCIS,

I would like to thank you, first of all. And I would like to ask you to expand your very helpful student programs, like the Hospitality and Homestay programs for international students.

Anika