

2026-2027 CCIS-Spouse Education Fund (SEF) Annual Appeal for Donations 2026-2027



2025-2026 CCIS Spouse Education Fund grantees and the SEF Committee

Now in its 40th year, the Spouse Education Fund (SEF) offers grants of up to \$500 to enable spouses and partners of international students, postdocs, and visiting scholars to take advantage of professional or educational opportunities while their partners follow their academic pursuits at Stanford.

This year, thanks to your generosity, **SEF awarded 32 grants to spouses/partners from 19 different countries.** As part of the application process, each applicant is interviewed by the SEF Committee and submits a report about their experiences.

Here are comments from a few recipients to you, the donors:

"Your generosity ... transforms lives and opens doors that once felt out of reach. I will carry this support with me as both a responsibility and a constant source of inspiration."
Andrea, Colombia, Coursera: "UX Design"

"This course served as a vital stepping stone allowing me to stay current with emerging technologies. This opportunity gave me the push I needed to help me reignite my career path."
Junsoo, South Korea, Agentic: "AI in Action: From Concepts to Real World Impact"

"The knowledge and skills I learned will be beneficial to me throughout my whole career. I'll apply the principles not only in teaching medical students but also communicating with my patients."
Ester, Czech Republic, "Mastering Medical Teaching"

We invite you to invest in our international spouses/partners. You can donate to SEF when you update your CCIS membership. Your continued support will provide grants for applicants this coming year. Thank you!

With gratitude,
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