**CCIS Programs**

CCIS services & coordinators are listed in this directory. All programs are free except for the **Cooking Classes**. Applications are available from the *International Office*, online, or through the contact people.

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**International Friends**

Students and post-docs are paired with a “host” volunteer or family to spend time together occasionally in a social immersion program sometimes referred to as **Foster Relatives**. Participants meet from time to time when mutually agreeable for informal activities. Some relationships are brief, others last long after students graduate.  

**Contact:** Greta Sims, 847-328-7394, rgsims@att.net or Mary Lucas, 847-328-7936, m lucas garden@gmail.com

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**Cooking Classes**

Spouses meet occasionally in a local home to learn about American cooking and food shopping. Each session meets from 9:30 a.m. to 1 pm. Participants engage in class planning & food tasting.  

Sign up for one or more sessions. Each session has a $5 fee. Sorry, no space for children. For schedule and topics:

**Contact:** Jeanne Reed, at 847-251-7973, reedupuis@comcast.net

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**Social Activities**

An annual Spring Picnic & Fall Reception are held in collaboration with the *International Office* and open to volunteers, international students, post-docs, staff, and their families. Summer events are also scheduled with *The Graduate School* for the *International Summer Institute* (ISI).

For more information about CCIS, visit the [web site listed on the front of this brochure or contact Dr. Sylvia Alvino, CCIS President, 847-328-7516, sylalvino@yahoo.com](http://www.northwestern.edu/international/forms/community-council-for-international-students/index.html)

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**CCIS**

*Community Council for International Students*

Making Connections Between Northwestern’s International Community & Local Volunteers

Northwestern University
The International Office
630 Dartmouth Place
Evanston, IL 60208

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What is CCIS?

We are a local community group established to make NU’s international students and post-docs feel comfortable while you are here. We work in partnership with the International Office and Graduate School providing a variety of cultural immersion opportunities for both the Evanston and Chicago campuses.

Since 1971, when fifty families first opened their homes to provide short term Home Stays for 50 incoming international students, we have added and updated our programs to keep pace with changing needs, serving more than 10,000 international students, post-docs, and their families.

For more than forty-five years we have provided individualized language and cross-cultural programs for students and post-docs in addition to group activities for spouses and families.

You may find one or more of these CCIS programs of interest.

English Conversation
Partners for Students

Practice and refine your English listening and speaking skills in an immersion experience with a local volunteer. Spend time together usually once a week at your mutual convenience discussing topics of interest. For an application or more information:

Contact: Doris Liberman, 847-676-2932, adlibs4612@gmail.com or David Whiting, 847-432-2814, cotswold@gmail.com

Home Stay

Before arriving on campus, new students may apply to stay in a local home for 2-5 days while looking for an apartment. This is an opportunity to meet an American family and learn first hand about life in the USA. Some relationships continue as International Friends. Applications are on the International Office website. For details:

Contact: Greta Sims, 847-328-7394, rgsims@att.net or Betty Phillips, 847-256-0245, ebp2@comcast.net

International Women

Spouses from various countries gather to make new friends and share customs. Social activities take place in local homes & places of interest throughout the Chicago & suburban area. For topics and dates:

Contact: Maureen Sheehy, 847-323-3703, sheehyms5@gmail.com or Laura Caffentzis, 262-893-2495, laura.caffentzis@gmail.com

English Conversation
Groups for Spouses

Spouses meet weekly in small groups to discuss their experiences and improve English skills. Parents with children are welcome. For information about the location & times of these seminars, contact the coordinators.

Contact: Heather Hehman, 847-691-8399, heatherhemanes1@gmail.com or Mary Helen Albright, 847-868-4979, maryandlucas@comcast.net