

# What is CCIS?

## Community Council for International Students



*CCIS is a local community group established in 1971 to make NU's international graduate students, scholars, post-docs and their families feel comfortable and welcome. We work in partnership with the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (OISS) and The Graduate School, providing a variety of cultural immersion opportunities on both the Evanston and Chicago campuses*

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. Meet informally at mutually agreed times and locations to discuss topics of mutual interest and learning the idioms of the English language. For more information:

Contact: Doris Liberman, 847-676-2932 [adlibs4612@gmail.com](mailto:adlibs4612@gmail.com)

### **Host Families**

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

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### **English Conversation Groups for Spouses**

Spouses meet regularly, currently with Zoom, to improve conversation skills, share experiences, and meet new friends. For more information

Contact: Mary Helen Albright 847-868-4979 [maryhelenchicago@gmail.com](mailto:maryhelenchicago@gmail.com)

### **Chicago Campus Connection**

If you are located at NU's Downtown Campus in Chicago, contact our Chicago Coordinator, Lynne Carpenter at 847-989-0897 [lynne.crpntn@gmail.com](mailto:lynne.crpntn@gmail.com) to be matched with a volunteer close to you.

We have enjoyed other programs and events in the past, which are not possible in our current environment. We work in collaboration with the OISS and TGS. We hope to resume more activities as soon as possible.