Conversations with International Students (CIS) is a mentoring program designed to assist international graduate students in improving their English speaking ability and adjusting to life in Clemson.

Who: YOU, an emeritus faculty member

What: Mentor an international graduate student

Where: You decide time, place, and duration

When: Mentors are needed each semester

How: Sign-up today by e-mailing Emeritus College Language Skills Committee (albrl@g.clemson.edu)

Why: Continue to serve......

Clemson English Speaking Proficiency (CESP) is a test administered to all international graduate students seeking assistantships.

How it works: Most students are tested for speaking proficiency by directly interviewing the emeriti examiners. An on-line version is also available. The interviews are scheduled on a campus location over a two day period.

Graduate students who do not pass the CESP test will be given an opportunity to take the test again the following semester. In the meantime the student will participate in the CIS program to improve his/her English Speaking ability.

How to participate: Sign up today as a grader of the CESP test or as a mentor in the CIS program by e-mailing Adolph Beyerlein (albrl@g.clemson.edu) of the Emeritus College Language Skills Committee

Benefits for the Emeritus College

The CIS and CESP programs use the talents of the Emeriti faculty to fill an essential University need. This enhances the relationship between Emeriti and the University. It is also very rewarding for the Emeriti to have the one on one interaction with the International Students. This not only improves the international student speaking proficiency but also helps him/her learn and experience our culture right away after enrolling at Clemson.

The popularity of these programs has produced an ever increasing need for both CIS mentors and CESP test graders. So we encourage you to sign up for one or both of these programs today.