The International Student Management Office (ISMO) has designed a sponsor program to provide support and assistance to you, the International Fellow (IF), during your time in the United States. This program will be of great benefit to you and your family as you transition to a new city and new culture. **Sponsor support will vary depending on each individual and situation.**

Here are some examples of activities in which a sponsor may support or provide assistance:

- Advise the IF on transition items upon their arrival. Although ISMO will provide assistance in most transition items such as banking, schools, housing, and medical, the sponsor may assist in needed follow up.
- Provide ideas or advice about places of interest and travel.
- Help the IF and family with local shopping options.
- Advise the IF and family regarding, American customs and traditions to include tipping/showing gratitude and use of American slang language.
- Invitations into American homes for traditional American holidays like Thanksgiving.
- Attending local sporting events.
- Dining at a restaurant together.

Participation in the sponsor program is optional but highly recommended. Past Fellows have found their sponsor very helpful and have developed lasting relationships.