

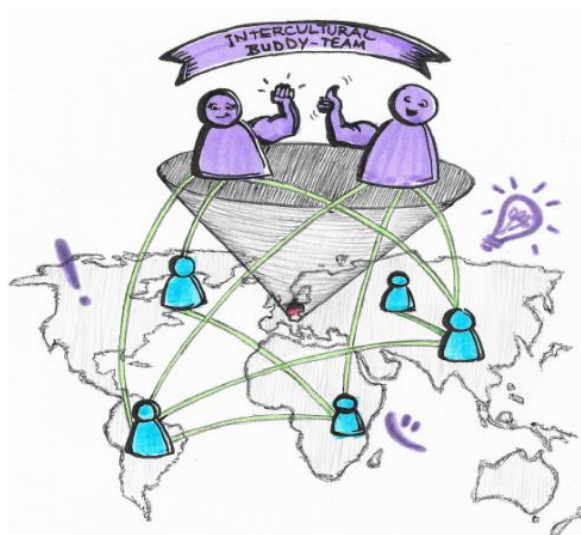
Student Buddy Program

Your Benefits

What is a Student Buddy?

Your Buddy is a German or experienced international student who has volunteered to support new students like you. Often, two Buddies work together as a team to support a small group of newcomers.

They know what it feels like to be new and they're here to help you settle in.



How your Buddy can help you:

- Give you tips for your travel and preparation.
- Pick you up at the bus stop or train station in Weingarten or Ravensburg, when you arrive.
- Support you with the housing search or key handover, if needed.
- Show you around town: supermarkets, public offices, bus stops, university buildings.
- Go with you to appointments (e.g. town hall, bank, foreigners' office), if needed.
- Help you with starting your studies: choosing courses, exam registration, pre-enrollment.
- Give advice on Wi-Fi setup, SIM cards, student life and much more!

How to best profit from our Student Buddy Program:

- Contact your Buddy as soon as you receive their contact details, usually you also get a link for a WhatsApp Group to join.
- Be open and friendly, your Buddy is looking forward to getting to know you, too.
- Reply promptly when your Buddy writes to you.
- Be patient, your Buddy is also a full-time student with classes, exams, and maybe a part-time job.
- Respect that your Buddy is a volunteer, they help because they want to, not because they have to.

important things to remember:

- Your Buddy can show you many things, but for official matters and documents, please contact the International Office.
- If anything changes (e.g. you don't get your visa or you decide not to come), inform your Buddy right away.

Our tip:

The more you reach out to your Buddy, the more helpful the experience will be. Many of these connections turn into real friendships.

So don't be shy: ask questions, be curious, and stay open.