

## Buddy Programme for International Students at the University of Bayreuth

The Buddy Programme offers new international students the opportunity to get in touch with experienced students at the University of Bayreuth, ask questions and make friends, and also gives UBT students who are interested in international and intercultural exchange the chance to meet students from all over the world.

Especially at the beginning of the semester, a buddy programme for new international students is indispensable. However, further friendships can also be made in an international context during the course of the semester, for example when visiting events organised by the [Erasmus Student Network Bayreuth](#) (ESN Bayreuth). Additionally, Buddy-Mentor couples will be invited to a buddy evening at the start of each semester

Buddies and Mentors are matched on the basis of various criteria, such as language of communication, campus affiliation and experience abroad. To do this as quickly and efficiently as possible, we use the programme *matorixmatch*.

The following explains the registration process for international students (hereafter **Buddies**) and UBT students (hereafter **Mentors**) and provides further important information.

If you have any questions or problems, the Buddy Programme Team can be reached at [buddy@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:buddy@uni-bayreuth.de)!

## **Registration for new International Students (Buddies):**

1. New international students have to register [here](#) to receive an invitation for the buddy program. The email address must not be an email address of the University of Bayreuth (i.e. @uni-bayreuth.de)!
2. International students who have registered for the orientation phase will receive two automatically generated emails (these will be sent from the email address [matorixmatch@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:matorixmatch@uni-bayreuth.de)):
  - (1) **Invitation to Participate in the Buddy Programme:** An identifier and a link for the registration will be sent with this e-mail. The identifier is necessary for all further logins to the website and should be kept safe!
  - (2) **Initial Password for Registration**
3. Students should follow the link from the email (1) and will be taken to the start page of our matching programme *matorixmatch*: The login is now possible with the help of the identifier, your email address and the password sent separately (2).
3. At first, the initial password must be changed to a personal password – corresponding information is given directly on the website.
4. In the next step, some personal data (**My data**) must be filled in – fields marked with red exclamation marks are mandatory fields and must therefore be filled in! All other information is voluntary, but the more information we have, the better we can match buddies and mentors.
5. After all personal data has been filled in, the next step is information on **Matching**. Since the *matorixmatch* programme is used by several offices, there are three different programmes here: international students please select **Matching Data** in the section **Buddy Programme for International Students Summer Semester 2022**.
6. In the section **Matching** there are also some mandatory fields (marked with a red exclamation mark) and further details :
  - a. **Desired language of communication:** The language in which it is easiest and safest to communicate with the mentor should be selected.
  - b. **Support at Campus:** You should choose the campus where you will mainly study.
  - c. **Are you a participant in the DAAD programme for refugees?:** Participants of the programme should please reply with **Yes**, all others please select **No**.
  - d. **Will you be able to travel to Germany when you start your studies?:** Either **Yes** or **No** should be selected according to the current travel plans.
  - e. **Country Home University:** This information should only be filled in by Exchange and Double-Degree students!

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  - g. **Number of planned semesters at Uni Bayreuth:** This information should only be filled in by Exchange and Double-Degree students!
  - h. **Quantity :** Please do not make any changes in this selection!
7. In the final step, the registration must be finalized with the confirmation. This is done by clicking on the **Participate Irrevocably** button in the **Matching** section. Please note that no changes to the details are possible after this!
  8. After the successful receipt of the registration, a mentor will be allocated as quickly as possible. The result of the matching will be sent by e-mail.
  9. The final step of the matching is the confirmation of the match via *matorixmatch*. This is done after logging in to the **Matching** section.
  10. Have fun with your new mentor at the University of Bayreuth!