

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 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!

Registration for Mentors:

1. Students who do not yet have an account with matorixmatch, please register on [this page](#) under **Registration**. In case of difficulties with the registration, it is possible to register [here](#) to receive an invitation.
2. The registration must be made as a **Student of the UBT** and with the university e-mail address. The registration must be finally completed via the field **Request Access**.
3. After successful registration, an automatically generated e-mail will be sent from matorixmatch@uni-bayreuth.de. It contains an identifier - this is necessary for all future registrations and should therefore be kept safe!
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**.
4. In the section **Matching** there are also some mandatory fields (marked with a red exclamation mark) and further details :
 - a. **Preferred language of communication:** The language in which it is easiest and safest to communicate with the buddy should be selected.
 - b. **Support at Campus:** Here you should choose at which campus you can support a buddy.
 - c. **Have you spend a semester abroad?:** Students can state whether they have already spent a semester abroad or are planning to do so in the following semesters (this does not necessarily have to be as part of an exchange programme at the University of Bayreuth).
 - d. **Country Study Abroad:** Here you should select the country in which you spent the semester abroad mentioned in (c). Students who have not spent or are not planning a semester abroad can simply leave this field blank.
 - e. **University Study Abroad**
 - f. **Have you already participated in a buddy programme?**
 - g. **Have you already taken part in an intercultural training course?**
 - h. **Would you support a buddy who is not able to travel to Germany due to the global pandemic (online semester)?**

- i. **Would you like to support a participant of the DAAD refugee programme?**
 - j. **Would you like to support a PhD student?**
 - k. **Quantity:** Students who would like to support more than one international buddy should state the maximum desired number of buddies here.
6. 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!
 7. After the successful receipt of the registration, a buddy will be allocated as quickly as possible. The result of the matching will be sent by e-mail.
 8. The final step of the matching is the confirmation of the match via *matorixmatch*. This is done after logging in to the **Matching** section.
 9. Have fun with your new buddy at the University of Bayreuth!