



Dear students of Heidelberg University,

Thank you for your interest in the Buddy Programme.

The Buddy Programme is a project of the International Relations Office. We want to make your orientation in your academic life and in everyday life in Heidelberg as easy as possible by assigning a Heidelberg student of your own study course as your buddy. You can e-mail them before your arrival in Heidelberg and address any concerns.

Our Heidelberg buddies have studied at least two semesters in Heidelberg and will try their best to provide support and orientation in student life as well as in your new home in general.

Your Heidelberg buddy will assist you upon your arrival in Heidelberg and during your first days here. They can also explain important facts about studying and living in Heidelberg.

Your buddy will continue to provide help throughout the semester. You can freely structure the contact with your buddy according to the wishes and needs of both of you. Furthermore, you will have the opportunity to get to know other participants of the Programme during joint meetings.

**Please note:** Heidelberg students aiding the international students do so on a voluntary basis.

They would like to support you as much as possible during your first steps in Heidelberg, but of course they cannot offer you round-the-clock services. Your buddy may not be able to pick you up at the train station or at the airport. You should discuss this in advance with them via e-mail.

Please do not expect your buddy to find accommodation for you in Heidelberg. They will be happy to assist you but cannot take responsibility for your accommodation.

Buddies are not responsible for questions on immigration law or examination matters either. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact the relevant authorities (i.e. the local Foreigners' Registration Office or the university's International Relations Office).

For any organizational questions concerning the Buddy Programme, please contact us via [buddy-programme@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:buddy-programme@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de).

We look forward to welcoming you to the Programme and to the university, and we hope your stay in Heidelberg will be both pleasant and successful!

Kind regards

Your Buddy Programme team