



TH OWL Buddy Program

The TH OWL Buddy Program connects TH OWL students (national or international) with new exchange or degree seeking students.

The Buddy Program Target

The target of this program is to support the new student settling into the German culture, the new living environment, the new university and to be a first contact person on “eye level”.

The Buddy Program should encourage the **contact between international and German students** as well as the intercultural exchange at TH OWL. The Buddy Program is essentially based on the voluntary commitment by TH OWL students. BTW, the Buddy Program is also a module within the I.O. Social Engagement Program worth 20 Social Credit Points (SCP). Earn another 10 SCP by offering an additional activity and you can earn our Social Engagement Program certificate on top of your Buddy Program Certificate!

A Buddy Team

A Buddy Team consists of TH OWL national and international students who have been here at TH OWL at least for 2 semesters.

The Buddy Experience

As a Buddy you will have the opportunity to meet new international students from different cultures and different language backgrounds. You will also have the opportunity to bring your own traditions and culture closer to your Buddy and therefore achieve valuable intercultural experience. Real friendships often develop from a Buddy Team 😊



Buddy Tasks

Typical Buddy tasks would be:

- Contact the new students prior to their arrival via email*
- Pick up your Buddy from the local train station and accompany him or her to the new accommodation.
- Offer help for a first orientation in town and at TH OWL
- Support with authorities and organisational tasks (e.g. opening a bank account)
- Provide tips and share experience for studies at TH OWL
- Offer common leisure activities (e.g. going out together, watching a movie, etc.)
- Assist with settling into a new social life and smoothen networking with other people
- Work out an event calendar with your Buddy Team for the new arrivals (at least 1 common activity per month)

* It is very helpful if you ask your incoming Buddy whether he/she has already started to search for a suitable accommodation. Many international students cannot estimate costs and living options in Germany.

These Are NOT Buddy Tasks

There are certain things, which you cannot and should not perform as a Buddy and in case of serious problems please refer your Buddy to the International Office!

- Information on application, admission and enrolment
- Room Search
- Support with serious problems or health issues

Interested in joining the TH OWL Buddy Programme? Please let us have your [registration](#) by return email to : internationaloffice@th-owl.de