



TH OWL Buddy Programme

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

The Buddy Programme Target

The target of this programme 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 Programme should encourage the **contact between international and German students** as well as the intercultural exchange at TH OWL. The Buddy Programme is essentially based on the voluntary commitment by TH OWL students.

A Buddy Leader

Each TH OWL Campus will have a „Leader Buddy“, whose responsibility lies in inviting the buddy team members of their campus for experience exchange and for discussing ideas and queries. These meetings will help to support each other and to define and organise tasks and activities together.

A Buddy Team

A Buddy Team consists of a TH OWL student and a new international student. The teams will be matched by the International Office based on criteria such as study programme, study location, personal interests, language requests.

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 your Buddy prior to 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

* 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.

Good to know: Students entering Germany directly from countries which belong to declared COVID_19 risk areas, need to follow the regulations provided by the German Health Department. Please find all detailed information [here](#).

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