

### MBAN Buddy Program

Thank you for your interest in the buddy program! The role of an MBAN buddy is to provide some student insight on questions you may have. The buddy program differs from the mentorship program as it is focused on student experience related topics such as finding housing, life in Vancouver, the program experience, etc.

#### The matching process:

1. Complete the survey ([https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8odR13NwRlhgUbb](https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8odR13NwRlhgUbb)) and indicate any preferences in terms of matching (i.e. paired with someone from your home country, similar academic background, etc.). **Please note that we will try to accommodate your preferences but this may not be possible in some cases.**
2. The RHL Office passes this information to the VP Internal of the MBAN Society.
3. The VP Internal will match volunteers with the incoming student(s) and share their contact information so that the MBAN Buddy can contact you.

#### What can you expect?

This is an informal way for current MBAN students to connect with incoming students so there will be some variability between buddies. We will provide some guidelines on what you can expect below:

- **Your buddy will reach out to you within a week of being matched.**
- **Types of questions to ask your buddy.**  
*They are here to provide a peer perspective on student life at UBC or Vancouver. If you have questions about program policies or career services, please reach out to [askMBAN@sauder.ubc.ca](mailto:askMBAN@sauder.ubc.ca). Some examples of questions below to help you get started:*
  - What are some tips for finding housing in Vancouver?
  - What are the best places to eat at UBC?
  - Are there any resources you found helpful before beginning the MBAN program?
  - What did you enjoy most about your MBAN journey?
- **Be respectful of their time.**  
*We know you are eager to get your questions answered but please be aware that your MBAN buddy may be working full-time. If your buddy has not reached out or if you have not received a response in over two weeks, please reach out to Doris, the VP Internal of the MBAN Society at [dorisliuyvr@gmail.com](mailto:dorisliuyvr@gmail.com).*
- **The RHL Office will arrange a coffee chat meet-up in August for the buddy program.**  
*We want to make meeting in person easy! Feel free to meet up on your own time if that works for you but we will have a date in August where we invite everyone participating in the buddy program.*