

FAQ: Buddy program

1) Am I eligible to be a Student Buddy volunteer?

The only eligibility requirement to become a student buddy volunteer is to be in good academic standing. We will provide tools to equip you with the skills and information you need to know to be a good buddy and answer any queries you might have.

2) How do I become a Student Buddy?

Sign up to volunteer as a buddy. Expectations:

- Understand the role and responsibilities
- Facilitate the new students' transition to UBC Sauder and Vancouver
- Engage in intercultural communications and respectful dialogue
- Provide tips and refer students to helpful resources

3) How many students can I be paired with?

1-2 students, depending on your preference and availability

4) How long does it take to receive a buddy match?

The Student Society will match you with an incoming student on a rolling basis. The matching process depends on the suitability of your profile with the new students that sign up for the program, but you should expect to be matched within 2-5 weeks from when you signed up to volunteer in the program.

Once there is a match, you and your buddy will receive a joint introductory email containing all the necessary information to make the initial contact with each other.

5) What should I do if my buddy is not responding?

This rarely happens, as incoming students are very eager to make new connections and learn more about the program, but please let the VP Student Development (FT MBA) or VP Internal (MM and MBAN know)

6) Why should I become a buddy volunteer?

There are so many benefits of being a buddy, like:

- Making new social connections
- Developing intercultural communication skills
- Acquiring mentorship experience and other transferable skills

7) What are some wellness resources that I can recommend to my buddy?

- UBC Canvas > Student Support
- [UBC Student Support and Services](#)
- [UBC Safewalk](#)