



Bilbao Campus

What is the Buddy Program?

The ***Buddy Program*** of the University of Deusto gives the **opportunity to their students to interact between local and international students**. Through this programme students will be able to meet people from Bilbao, get their support and foster **mutual contribution**. This way, you will make the best of your university experience; your university experience will grow as well as your global skills and background.

This service is volunteer and exclusive for University of Deusto students.

Being part of this programme implies the responsibility of maintaining contact with the buddy and giving the best of yourself in the Buddy relationship.

Within the program, there are two types of roles:

- ***Big Buddy***: local students of the University of Deusto.
- ***Buddy***: international students.



Virtual Buddy Program

The decision of many universities to **diversify their mobility formats**, as well as making the programme **more accessible**, has led some students to opt for the **virtual format**.

In this case, the experience will be carried out **on-line**.

So, if you are interested in learning about other people's way of life and introducing your own culture to others, this program is for you!

Participation commitment

All students participating in the Buddy program will be required to sign a participation of commitment document. By participating in this program, you commit to participate in the monthly activities organized by the University and inform the responsible person at each campus in case of any issues related to the program.

¿Cómo solicitar un buddy?

As an international student at the University of Deusto you must complete the following Buddy Program application form:

- [INTERNATIONAL students - Bilbao Campus - Buddy](#)

Deadline to apply (face-to-face students):

1st Semester: 31st of May // 2nd Semester: 17th of December

- [Virtual Buddy](#)

Deadline to apply (virtual students):

1st Semester: 31st of May // 2nd Semester: 9th of January

**Outside these dates, new applications for the programme will be processed, but assignment is not guaranteed.*

Assignments are made **in order of registration**. Only **one application per student** will be accepted. If you need to change your data, please write an e-mail to:

Campus Bilbao: buddyprogram.bi@deusto.es

Virtual Campus: virtualbuddy@deusto.es

You will receive an e-mail including the information of the assigned international student once the application process is completed.

At the end of the assignment period, you should contact your Buddy to introduce yourself and start communications. The Big Buddy will be previously informed about her/his assigned Buddy by the University.

In case you would like to change your partner, you must inform us via e-mail, stating the reason for the change and in case of availability, a new Buddy will be assigned to you.

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