Would you like to get involved with our campus international community? Do you enjoy helping others and creating new friendships? The Office of Education Abroad created an International Buddy Program to help exchange students adjust to MTSU, to foster new friendships, and to facilitate cultural exchange.

JOIN US TODAY and help our exchange students transition to life at MTSU!

The Office of Education Abroad will:

- Make a match between an MTSU student and an incoming exchange student and facilitate communication between both students (turning it over to the students to determine the level of communication once the semester begins)
- Provide activity ideas and tips to both students matched

As an International Buddy you will:

- Email your Buddy to introduce yourself and start a friendly dialogue
- Be available to answer questions your match may have about MTSU or refer them to the appropriate resources such as Dining Services or the library
- Agree to meet with your Buddy at least once during International Welcome Week (the week prior to classes each term)

Activity ideas include:

- Picking up your Buddy from the airport when they arrive
- Shopping at Walmart for residence hall supplies (and showing your match an American grocery store!)
- Helping with bus routes, local places to shop or eat within walking distance of MTSU
- Shopping
- Going out to lunch or coffee at your favorite restaurant or the Student Union/Dining Hall
- Walking or running along the Murfreesboro Greenway System
- Going to a local concert or outdoor activity
- Exploring Nashville
- Taking a day trip to a nearby destination such as Chattanooga
- Going to the movies or bowling
- Attending an MTSU sporting event

Fall 2022 applications are now being accepted. Please contact our office or apply here:

Fall 2022 International Buddy Program

Contact us today to learn more or to participate!

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