



AWI Buddy Programme: summer semester 2026

Dear international Economics students,

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Heidelberg University is pleased to welcome you as new students at the Alfred Weber Institute for Economics (AWI)! To make your studies and stay in Heidelberg both special and rewarding, we cordially invite you to participate in our Buddy Programme.

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- Buddy Programme -

The Buddy Programme is a project of the Alfred Weber Institute for Economics. We want to make your orientation to academic and everyday life in Heidelberg as easy as possible by assigning another Heidelberg Economics student as your 'buddy'. You can contact them before your arrival in Heidelberg and address any concerns. Your Heidelberg 'buddy' will be there to offer support as you get settled in and to answer your questions about living and studying in Heidelberg, perhaps even greet you when you first step off the train, and will continue to provide help throughout the semester.

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Participating will not only help you learn about living and studying in Heidelberg, but will also ease your initial contact with Germany and German culture. Many of the Heidelberg students taking part in the Buddy Programme have spent time abroad and are aware of the difficulties that can arise; or they are international students themselves and know exactly what living and studying in a foreign country feels like. If possible, we will try to assign you a 'buddy' with similar interests, hobbies, language skills or the like.

Our 'buddies' are volunteers, not official advisors, and receive no fee for participating. For this reason, when it comes to complex legal issues related to your stay in Germany, please contact authorities at the International Relations Office or our institute.

Interested?

You can find further information and the registration form online ->

Any questions? Do not hesitate to contact us.

We're looking forward to welcoming you in the programme and at Heidelberg University and we hope that your stay in Heidelberg will be both pleasant and successful!

Kind regards,

Sebastian Kuhn



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