How will you spend your time?
As a buddy you will be an important point of contact for visiting study abroad students in your home town. You will share your local knowledge, serving as a friendly face, offering to meet your contact for a coffee, chat or tour of the city if appropriate. Buddies are essential in supporting our international student community.

All about you
Buddies are friendly and approachable alumni of all ages, subject areas and interests. As a buddy, you will meet current Nottingham students studying abroad. Appropriate training and guidance will be provided.

Please be aware we will be matching you with students in major cities where there are study abroad opportunities. Depending on take up from students we cannot guarantee matches between alumni and students.

You will be asked to sign an additional volunteer agreement if appointed to the role.

How much time will you give?
Based on contact with five students each year, brief e-mail exchange and two one hour meetings with each: **12 hours across a year.** Dates/times of such contact are at your discretion.

Guidelines
1. Questions between the alumnus/student and the buddy can cover experience at Nottingham, suggestions on accommodation, moving to a new city, recommendations on the local area. Any other topics of conversation will be answered at the buddy’s discretion.
2. If the alumnus/student does not hear from the buddy within two weeks they should inform the Alumni Relations Team who will find another suitable buddy.
3. Buddies are encouraged to provide guidance and support over email, as well as in person and can Skype/telephone at their discretion.
4. Should the alumnus/student choose to meet their buddy The University of Nottingham recommends meeting in a public place such as a café, restaurant or library.

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