What is a Buddy Program Mentor?
The Buddy Program is a team of returning USF students who volunteer their time to help new international students adjust to school and the city environment. It is the duty of a Mentor to be a Friend, a Resource Person, and a Culture Guide to their Mentee.

Benefits of being a Mentor

- Opportunity to make new friends from around the world
- Building communication skills
- Developing leadership skills
- Experience in a teamwork setting

Requirements

- Applicant must have:
  - Been enrolled at USF at least 1 year
  - Experience with leadership, event planning, and intercultural communication
  - Experience as an international student, international exchange student and/or with study abroad is preferred
  - Ability to present a professional resume upon request
  - Availability to meet the time commitments of the program

Time Commitment

- Participate fully in a one-day workshop during the first weekend fall semester (approx. 4 hours)
- Attend a Buddy Program social in September (approx. 2 hours)
- Attend a mentor check-in meeting for an hour once a month (approx. 4 hours)
- Take responsibility for hosting your mentees at least twice a month throughout the semester (approx. 8 hours)
- Work with the Mentor team to organize at least 1 social events in the semester
- Attend social events organized by the Mentor Team and International Student and Scholar Services