

Dis/course: Buddy Program

Melbourne Uni is a big place and Culture and Communication is one of the biggest schools in the university. The idea of the Buddy Program is to help make the place smaller and friendlier by teaming rookie graduate students with old-timer buddies who know their way around. Hopefully this will help newcomers to avoid feeling isolated, lost and uncared for—they might also find their way to Deep Dish quicker.

The graduate students listed below have volunteered to be contacted by new students in the School of Culture and Communications at the University of Melbourne. If you contact them, you can expect a buddy to act as a point of contact with the school—preferably within your discipline. They might take you for an initial coffee, tell you about any reading groups etc, give you the lowdown on your disciplinary patch and cohort. Please do not contact students after the expiry date of their commitment.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please email a member of the Dis/course committee. The demand on your time would be no more than an hour or two, but it could help someone find their feet and might even result in a lifelong academic soul-mate or drinking buddy.

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