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### UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONALIZATION, CONVOCATION AND ADVANCEMENT (DICA)

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS BUDDY PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS OF VOLUNTEERS

The University of Dar es Salaam through the Directorate of Internationalization, Convocation and Advancement invites applications from UDSM continuing students to participate in the new buddy program for the 2021/2022 academic year.

#### I: What is a Buddy Program?

It is a volunteer-based program that pairs continuing host students (Tanzanian) with newly admitted foreign students at the University of Dar es Salaam. It aims to integrate international students into UDSM/Tanzania way of life. The program provides a great opportunity to local and international students to share experiences and create an ever lasting bond.

#### II: Who is eligible to participate?

Any continuing UDSM student is eligible to participate in this buddy program.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Full-time enrolled UDSM undergraduate student (be in second, third/final year)
- Excellent written and verbal communications (In both English and Kiswahili)
- An open mind with ability to respond to student questions in a timely manner and provide relevant transition information to incoming international students
- Cultural sensitivity (awareness of the international perspective and willingness to work with a diverse group of international students)
- Enthusiastic and committed

#### III: Volunteer's responsibilities

- Complete a mandatory training for intercultural competence before beginning of the semester.
- Contact and interact with assigned buddy through the contact information they provide, both before they arrive and in person once they are here.
- Fully participate during the Orientation Week (Monday 01st Saturday 06th November, 2021)
- Keep in touch with your buddy for the entire semester.

#### IV: Benefits to volunteers

- Reasonable food & transport allowance (For all 6 days during Orientation Week)
- An opportunity to improve your foreign language skills
- International contacts and intercultural experiences
- Connection to Volunteering & Internship Opportunities
- A certificate for your voluntary support
- End of Semester Award (for best performers)
- Free chance to join the SDG Student Hub

#### V: How to apply

If you wish to apply, please follow the link below to access the application form and submit you application online: <u>buddy.udsm.ac.tz</u>

#### VI: Application deadline

The application deadline will be on Monday – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### **Contacts:**

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