

My name is Carley Bowers and I am running to be the next president of the Graduate Student Senate. I am a first-year student in the Master of Public Policy and Administration program and will graduate in May 2022. I have a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Supply Chain Management from Mississippi State University where I was heavily involved with the Student Association as a member of the President's Council and again as the Secretary on the Executive Council. Through this and other undergraduate involvement, I have built a resume of leadership and scholarship that I believe would allow me to serve the Graduate and Professional students of the University of Tennessee to the best of my ability. As Graduate Student Senate President, there are a few key priorities I would work to implement. First, I would work to create a state-wide council with Tennessee's graduate schools that consists of elected members of graduate and professional student associations to share programming, professional development, and student assistance resources. Second, I would help to create a GSS newsletter to be sent out to graduate and professional students with updates from the Graduate school, funding news, student spotlights, and upcoming events. Finally, with so many students not being able to travel during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, I would create a Graduate and Professional student research symposium that would allow students to display their research to the University faculty, administrators, fellow graduate and professional students, and undergraduate students who are considering graduate education. These objectives are just a sampling of what I believe the Graduate Student Senate can accomplish throughout this next year. I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to run for Graduate Student Senate President. The University of Tennessee has allowed me to pursue a graduate education that is equipping me to excel in my future career, wherever it might take me. Even though I have only been at UT for one year, I have experienced first-hand how the University invests in its students by providing them with the opportunities, resources, and faculty/staff to succeed in whatever it is that they choose to do. I would be so honored if the Graduate and Professional student body put their trust in me to be their next GSS President to continue and maintain the relationship we have with our wonderful school. Please consider placing your vote for me, Carley Bowers during the week of April 19-23.