

The University of Tennessee is home to a diverse community of graduate students who aspire to earn degrees in various fields of study. The Graduate School Senate plays a crucial role in facilitating the working relationship between the graduate student body and offices across campus. My name is Mohamed Al Sager and I intend to run for the role of Vice President for the GSS. I am currently enrolled in the Master's of Science in Electrical Engineering program and will be pursuing a PhD in Energy Science Engineering in the Fall of 2021. The Energy Science program is an interdisciplinary program that ties engineering to policy making and entrepreneurship. I am running for the role of Vice President because I believe I have the skills and passion necessary to guide GSS to achieve their numerous goals such as: helping coordinate collaborative efforts with organizations across campus, reaching out to graduate students to encourage participation in GSS, bring issues or concerns to light and work with the GSS council to resolve accordingly, and assist in coordinating GSS/GPSA logistics. As a graduate student I have held positions that required me to engage with students and administrations. I held a position as a graduate assistant at Tennessee Technological University in the Office of International Affairs. My role included the following duties: guidance, mentorship, organizing activities inclusive of students from a spectrum of nationalities, and overseeing the status of their documents and updating as needed. In my current role as a GTA and GRA I have the pleasure of working with numerous faculty members and students in a multitude of tasks. Specifically, in my GRA with Fiber and Composites Manufacturing facility, I have worked with several teams composed of undergraduate and graduate students to accomplish several shared objectives. I have had to take lead on some of the projects and delegate roles to ensure project completion in a timely manner. I take great pride in working in a team setting, and I really enjoy collaborative work. I believe that people are unique and everyone has a different set of skills. Consequently, it is very rewarding learning from one another and working together toward a common goal.