

THE GIST

BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT



We hope everyone's semester is off to a great start! The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) has been hard at work planning events, passing legislation, and meeting with administrators with the interests of all graduate and professional students in mind.

If you haven't already, check out the [open letter](#) we passed on our vision for the year. The recent [minimum stipend increase](#) is a great example of some of the positive changes we can all make here on campus. We'd love to connect with you more, so be sure to stop by our open [office hours](#) this fall!

GSS President Katherine Trubee and GSS Vice President Hannah Thompson

UPCOMING GSS ACTIVITIES

[Grad Night Out at Petro's](#)



Join us Wednesday, October 18, starting at 5 PM at the Market Square location. For more information, visit the [GSS Instagram](#).

GSS Office Hours

Come talk to the GSS leadership about anything on your mind. Every Friday from 12-2 PM!



Homecoming 2023

This year, [homecoming](#) will take place from Oct. 29 - Nov. 4, and GSS will be participating in a variety of events. Email gss@utk.edu to get involved!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

GSS Travel Award

Request periods are available until April 2024 - please direct questions to gsstravel@utk.edu.

Student Faculty Research Awards

To support graduate students and faculty working in partnership.

Graduate Assistantship for the Peace Corps

For Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

Graduate Assistantship in the Bredesen Center

Preferred experience in marketing or communications.

Graduate and Professional Student Professional Development (GPSPD)

Cross-campus initiative by the Graduate School.

Graduate Advancement Training and Education (GATE)

An initiative at UT-ORII supporting graduate students via assistantships and fellowships.

GRAD STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ILINA ARSOVA



Ilina is a Macedonian mountaineer, environmental activist, and artist. She is also the first woman from her country to reach the highest summits on all seven continents, making her the second in the Balkans and among only 70 in the world.

Even though Ilina keeps herself busy working on her Ph.D. in Sociocultural Studies in Sports, creating art that has been featured in the Emporium on Gay Street, and climbing, she took the time to share more of her life with GSS!

Check out Ilina's full story on the [GSS Instagram](#).



GRAD ORG SPOTLIGHT: PSGSA

[The Plant Sciences Graduate Student Association \(PSGSA\)](#) promotes the general welfare of graduate students and encourages integrity within their department. They hold various service, social, and educational activities and attend faculty meetings to provide feedback and voice all graduate students' concerns.

Some of their events this semester include Halloween and Friendsgiving parties, an online game benefit night to fund research in farms in Jackson, as well as group hikes.

Follow the [GSS Instagram](#) for the full story - coming soon!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

[Knoxville Greek Fest](#)

- ☐ October 20-22, all day starting at 11 AM
- ☐ St. George Greek Orthodox Church

[Knoxville Symphony Orchestra](#)

- ☐ October 19-20, 7:30 PM
- ☐ Tennessee Theatre

Fall Festival

☐ October 29, 3-7 PM

☐ Knoxville Botanical Gardens

Lil Wayne: Welcome to tha Carter Tour

☐ November 16, 7:30 PM

☐ Thompson Boling Arena

LGBT HISTORY MONTH ON ROCKY TOP

**VOL
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October is LGBT History Month! UT is lucky to have the [Pride Center](#) as a resource that offers academic and social support for the LGBTQIA+ community. They hold [events and educational workshops](#) regularly, including movie nights, safe zone workshops, Friendsgiving,

and the Qloset pop-up shop.

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