

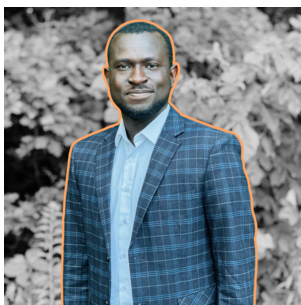
THE GIST

BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is proud to represent the voices of over 8,000 graduate and professional students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. As your advocates, we are dedicated to ensuring that your priorities are heard by the university administration. Together with our fellow senators, we are committed to working towards the goals that matter most to you.

In October 2023, we launched our first-ever monthly newsletter, which highlights the achievements of graduate students and organizations, shares valuable resources, and keeps you informed about upcoming GSS and community events. We hope you enjoy it!

INTRODUCING THE NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT



Iyanuoluwa Oyetunji, GSS

President 2024-2025

Iyanuoluwa is a PhD student in Community Nutrition, he is driven by a passion for human relationships and inspired by the success of the previous GSS team, he is eager to ensure active engagement between senators and their constituents while fostering a supportive and inclusive campus environment.



Shokoufeh Soleimani, GSS Vice President 2024-2025

Shokoufeh is a PhD candidate in Biomedical Engineering. Drawn to UT for its interdisciplinary research opportunities and state-of-the-art facilities, she is passionate about advocating for graduate students' needs and fostering a supportive academic community.

Read Iyanuoluwa's and Shokoufeh's full stories on the [GSS Instagram!](#)

STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

- Driving around campus can be overwhelming. Learn about the new parking and transportation options on the [UT parking website!](#)
- A [one-stop shop curated by the Grad School](#) just for you! Learn more about professional development to maturing and belonging.
- Check out [Smokey's Closet](#), [Big Orange Pantry](#) and [Free Store](#) for all your clothing and food needs.
- Looking for on-campus employment opportunities, or off-campus internships, or jobs? Sign up for [Handshake!](#)
- If you are an international student, [ISSS](#) and the [I-House](#) will be your new best friends.

□ A grad student's best kept secret... the [grad lounge at Hodges Library](#). Just tap your phone to access!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

[Open Graduate Assistantships](#)

Looking for an assistantship? Follow the [Graduate School on Instagram](#) to learn about open positions when they are posted.

[Part-Time Job Fair Fall 2024](#)

Open to all students looking for part-time or temporary employment on campus OR off campus. Tues., Aug. 27 from 2-5pm in the Student Union Ballroom. Browse for other fairs [here](#).

[The College Classroom](#)

Get an introduction to key learning principles and the basics of effective, evidence-based teaching practices in this 12-week course. Registration opens 9/9!

[Professional Photo Booth](#)

A professional headshot is a must. The photo booth is free, simple to use, and you'll probably spend less than 15 minutes from start to finish.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Harmonic Motion: Physics x Electronic Motion

□ Friday, August 23

□ Scruffy City Hall

Gathering on the Grounds

□ Sunday, September 1

□ Historic Ramsey House

Tennessee Valley Fair

□ September 6 - 15

□ Chilhowee Park

Smoky Mountain Orchid Society Orchid Festival

□ Saturday, September 7

□ Dogwood Center at Knoxville Botanical Garden

Farragut Art Fest

□ Sunday, September 15

□ Farragut Community Center

**THE 2024-25 TRAVEL
AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN!**



GSS Travel Awards

If you are the first presenter of research on behalf of UT at an in-person or virtual professional conference, you may qualify to receive support with travel costs. Learn more and [apply](#) on the GSS website!

JOIN THE GSS COMMUNICATIONS TEAM!



We are looking for communications assistants to join our GSS Comms team! We'd love your help with content creation, graphic design, and support writing this very newsletter. This is an unpaid volunteer-based position and past comms experience/being a senator is not required.

If you're interested in joining us this year, email gsspress@utk.edu for more information!

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