

# THE GIST

BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

## A MESSAGE FROM THE GSS PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT



Hello Graduate and Professional Students,

We are happy to share this issue of The Gist with you. As you read through, please take a moment to reflect and share your thoughts with us. The GSS leadership always wants to hear from you to either help you or point you in the right direction to get help.

This month, we are focusing on key updates and events that impact your graduate experience. Whether it's about academic support, mental health resources, or social opportunities, we want to ensure that your time at UTK is as fulfilling and successful as possible. Remember, you're not alone in this journey—GSS is here to support you.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions, suggestions, or concerns. Let's keep the conversation going, and together, we can continue to make a positive impact in our community.

Wishing you a successful and productive month ahead!

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# 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.

## [3MT \(Three Minute Thesis Competition\)](#)

The Three Minute Thesis competition is a great way to practice discussing your research with various audiences. [Register online](#) by September 27.

## [Graduate Student Research Awards](#)

Up to \$5,000 in grants will be awarded to selected students to support their research, scholarship, and creative activity. The deadline to submit proposals is Friday, October 11.

## [Professional 2024 SEC Student Pitch Competition](#)

The Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation is seeking a student team business to represent UT in the competition. [Applications](#) are open through September 27.

## [Panel Event—The Conversation: Opportunities, Challenges, and Tips](#)

This panel conversation at 3:30pm on September 24 will explore the benefits, hurdles and strategies of writing for the Conversation. [RSVP online!](#)

# GSS X CSE EVENTS



## [Grad Student Ghost Tours with Paranormal Adventure Tours - October 26 at 7pm and 10pm](#)

Do you believe in ghosts?? Join the Center for Student Engagement for a spooky evening in Haunted Knoxville with one of the best ghost tours in the entire Southeast Free admission being on a first come, first served basis. [RSVP online ASAP - spots are limited!](#)



## [Save the Date for Grad Bowling Night at Maple Hall Bowling Alley!](#)

November 15 from 6pm to 8pm. More details and RSVP info coming soon!

# TRAVEL AWARDS DEADLINES

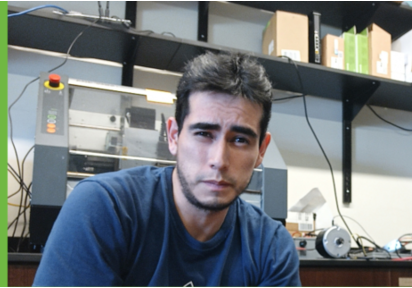


## [GSS Travel Awards](#)

The GSS Travel Awards support graduate and professional students presenting research on behalf of UT at in-person or virtual professional conferences. If you are a student presenting as a first author, you are eligible for support with travel costs through this mechanism. Priority deadline is October 4 and the extended deadline is

October 11. Learn more and [apply for a GSS Travel Award](#) on the GSS website!

## GRAD STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: JOSE TUPAYACHI



Meet Jose Tupayachi, a fellow grad student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville!

Originally from Lima, Peru, Jose's academic focus is in Industrial Engineering, where he's researching how machine learning and AI can be applied to health technologies, particularly in signal and natural language processing. His work includes exploring tools like Retrieval-Augmented Generation to improve medical diagnosis platforms.

[Read the full feature on the GSS Instagram!](#)

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### [Knoxville Oktoberfest](#)

- ☐ now through October 13
- ☐ Schulz Bräu Brewing Company

### [Scots-Irish Festival](#)

- ☐ September 27-28
- ☐ Downtown Dandridge, TN

### [Knox Pride Fest & Night Parade](#)

- ☐ Parade at 7 PM on Oct. 4 - Pride Fest on Oct. 5

□ Downtown Knoxville & World's Fair Park

## Solastalgia Circus Parade

□ October 11

□ World's Fair Park Amphitheatre

## Lakeside of the Smokies Balloonfest

□ October 26 & 27

□ Dandridge, TN

# SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH



September is Suicide Prevention Month, and we want to ensure that you are aware of UT's mental health and crisis resources.

[Crisis resources](#): For urgent mental health needs.

[Center for Care and Resilience](#): For those seeking help with mental health care coordination.

[Referrals](#): If you're worried about a fellow student who seems distressed, the Center for Care and Resilience can reach out and offer that friend support.

You matter, there is hope □

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