

THE GIST

BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

A MESSAGE FROM THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CHAIR



Dear Graduate and Professional Students,

With the 2024 election approaching, we want to take a moment to encourage everyone to vote because it is one of the key civic responsibilities of all U.S. citizens. Here is some important information regarding the election:

Early voting in Knox County is going on now through Thursday October 31. [You can find all of the locations and times online.](#) Additionally, from Monday, October 28, to Thursday, October 31, early voting booths will be available at the Baker School, available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We strongly encourage all eligible students to take advantage of this convenient location and the many locations throughout the county. Although state deadlines may differ, you can also [request an absentee ballot if you are not a TN resident.](#)

Sincerely,

Matthew Cooper

Chair of the Judiciary Committee, Senator from Political Science

**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.

Research Communication Workshop

Learn how to communicate your research better and deliver key messages on Wed 10/23 at 9 a.m.

Elevate Your Academic Profile: Mastering ORCID for Researchers

Discover the benefits of ORCID! Workshop attendees can also get help setting an ORCID profile on Wed.10/23 at 5:30 p.m.

Getting Unstuck: Intro to Ombuds' Services

The Office of Ombuds Services empowers graduate students, staff, and faculty to navigate challenges related to their UT experiences. Learn more on Wednesday, 11/6, at 11:30 a.m.

GRAD STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ABI LONG



Balancing the rigorous demands of law school and serving as Head Majorette of the Pride of the Southland Band may seem like “drinking from a firehose,” but the experience was a dream come true for this second-year law student. After earning both a Bachelor’s and Master’s in Social Work from the University of Tennessee, this Vol decided to pursue a career in criminal law, with a passion for serving underrepresented populations in the justice system.

[Head to the GSS Instagram for the full story!](#)

EVENTS FOR GRAD STUDENTS



Trivia Night by MGSO

Join the Multicultural Graduate Student Organization on Friday, October 25, at Mossman 202, from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for free food and prizes for winners!



Game Night at Yassin's Falafel House

Bring some friends and a game to play at Yassin's Falafel House's downtown location from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12! Apps and dessert provided by GSS.



Grad Night at Maple Hall!

Who's ready to bowl in Knoxville's best bowling alley Friday, November 15, from 6-8 p.m.?! UT Graduate Students are invited to join us for a special reserved evening at Maple Hall! Spots are limited - [RSVP now on VolConnect!](#)

TRAVEL AWARDS DEADLINES

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, at a conference you are eligible for support with travel costs through this mechanism. For conferences between November 1 and December 31, 2024, the **priority deadline is November 1** and the **extended deadline is November 8**. Learn more and [apply for a GSS Travel Award](#) on the GSS website!

CCI GRAD STUDENT ORGANIZATION



The [Graduate Student Association \(GSA\)](#) at UT Knoxville's [College of Communication and Information \(CCI\)](#) aims to enhance graduate student life through personal and professional events, empowering students to reach their career goals. As an organization committed to providing structure and resources, the CCI GSA creates spaces for academic growth, social connections, and interdisciplinary research collaborations.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

[The Official Halloween Bar Crawl](#)

- October 26
- Mirage Knoxville

[Hollerboo](#)

- October 26 - 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- N. Central Street Knoxville

Lakeside of the Smokies Balloonfest

☐ October 26 & 27

☐ Dandridge, TN

Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade and Pet Expo

☐ October 27 - 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

☐ UT Gardens

Knox Garden Fall Festival

☐ October 27

☐ Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

//////////////////// OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH ////////////////////

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), and the [Office of Title IX](#) has organized [several events](#) during the month to raise awareness, including a [Lunch & Learn](#) session and a [screening of the movie Twilight: New Moon!](#) We encourage you to visit the [Center for Health Education & Wellness](#) website for more resources.

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