

New
**Graduate
Student
Orientation**

August 14
2018



Orientation Schedule

August 14, 2018 • Holiday Inn World's Fair Park

8:00–9:00
Park View Lobby

Registration/Breakfast

9:00–9:30
Grand Pavillion
Ballroom

Welcome & Introduction

Dixie L. Thompson, *Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School*
Wayne Davis, *Interim Chancellor*
Ernest L. Brothers, *Associate Dean of the Graduate School*
Cara Sulyok, *President, Graduate Student Senate*

9:45–10:15
Breakout Rooms

Breakout Sessions, Block 1

Funding and Financial Aid

Grand Pavilion Ballroom - Medallion

Professional Development

Tennessee Ballroom - Summitt

Student Health Insurance

Grand Pavilion Ballroom - Crystal

OIT

Tennessee Ballroom - Cumberland

UT Libraries

Tennessee Ballroom - LeConte

10:30–11:00
Breakout Rooms

Breakout Sessions, Block 2

Funding and Financial Aid

Grand Pavilion Ballroom - Medallion

Student Conduct

Tennessee Ballroom - Cumberland

Student Health Insurance

Grand Pavilion Ballroom - Crystal

Health and Wellness

Tennessee Ballroom - Summitt

Title IX/Equity and Diversity

Tennessee Ballroom - LeConte

11:15–11:45
Grand Pavillion
Ballroom

The Graduate Student Experience

See Program for Bios

11:45–noon

Final Comments/Questions

noon–1:00

Information Tables

Breakout Sessions

Funding and Financial Aid

In this session, you will get information about:

- financial aid
- graduate school fellowships
- Graduate Student Senate Travel Awards

Professional Development

Preparing for your career begins now. In this session, you will get information about:

- resources for professional development
- professional development events
- steps you can take as a first-year graduate student

Student Conduct

It is important to understand the code of conduct expected of a student at UT. In this session, you will get information about:

- the Student Code of Conduct
- your rights as a student at UT

Title IX/Equity and Diversity

UT is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and non-discriminatory learning, living, and working environment free from sexual misconduct, relationship violence, stalking, and retaliation. Learn about:

- the Office of Title IX
- policies and procedures
- prevention and education

Student Health Insurance

In this session, you will get information about:

- eligibility requirements
- how to use your health insurance
- how to keep your health insurance
- the Student Health Center

OIT

OIT will let you know about technology resources on campus that you need to know about:

- classroom technology
- wireless access with EduRoam
- Canvas
- online survey software

UT Libraries

The UT Libraries is ready to help you succeed in your graduate career and beyond. In this session, you will get information about:

- library services
- the Studio
- publishing and open access

Health and Wellness

While you are studying at UT, it is important to remain healthy in mind and body. In this session, you will get information about:

- resources for maintaining physical health
- mental health issues common to graduate students
- 974-HELP
- where to go on campus to get help when you need it

Information Tables

Center for Health Education and Wellness	One Stop Student Services
Clarence Brown Theatre	OUTGrads UTK
Graduate School	Parking and Transit
Graduate Student Senate	Student Counseling Center
Knoxville Area Transit	Student Disability Services
Manthan—Indian Students' Association	United Campus Workers
Multicultural Graduate Student Organization	UT Libraries
Office of Information Technology	Hildreth Insurance

Sponsors

Brentz Pizza	Knox Area Transit
Sunspot	Outdoor Knoxville
Jason's Deli	Visit Knoxville
Vol Shop	Graduate Student Senate
Dollywood	Dunkin Donuts
Kroger	Publix at University Commons
Panera	Coolato Gelato
Starbucks	Mellow Mushroom

The Graduate Student Experience

Jack Ryan

Jack Ryan is a third-year graduate student in the Mathematics Department at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. In addition to being the Vice President of the Graduate Student Senate, he also serves as the Secretary of the Math Graduate Student Council and the Secretary of OUTGrads. In June 2016, he received dual degrees in mathematics (BS) and theatre (BA) with a minor in computer science and a concentration in the college scholars honors program from North Central College in Naperville, IL. His long-term career goal includes being a professor of mathematics at a small college or university as well as pursuing a career in higher education administration.

Brandy Mmbaga

Brandy Mmbaga is a 4th year PhD candidate in the College of Communication and Information. Her specific area of interests are social media as strategic communication, social evaluations, leadership exit and receiver phenomenon communication. She serves as this year's president of the Multicultural Graduate Student Organization and is involved with the Adam Brown Social Media Command Center here on campus.

Melissa Greene-Blye

Melissa Greene-Blye is a PhD candidate and Lecturer in the College of Communication and Information's School of Journalism and Electronic Media with a target graduation date of May 2019. Melissa has 20 plus years experience as a broadcast journalist, working both as a reporter and anchor in large and small television markets throughout the country. Her dissertation research focuses on the Miami Nation of Indians of Indiana as part of her broader research agenda examining critical media discourse as well as issues of media literacy, emphasizing issues of identity and self-determination. This research is personal and professional as Melissa and her daughter are enrolled members of the Miami Nation.

Jasmine Kreig

Jasmine Kreig is a third year doctoral student in the Bredesen Center, Energy Science and Engineering program. After graduating from UNC-Chapel Hill with degrees in environmental science and mathematics, Jasmine worked for two years as a Post Bachelor Research Associate in the Environmental Sciences Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. While there, she contributed to the Sustainability Volume of DOE's Billion Ton 2016 Report. She hopes to continue working at the interface of mathematics and environmental sciences after graduation. Jasmine is also the Chair of Pipeline: Vols for Women in STEM where she is involved with her other passion, advocating for and increasing the presence of women in the STEM fields.

GSS Social



Wednesday
August 15 @ 6:00 p.m.

Barley's Taproom and Pizzeria

200 E Jackson Ave

Pizza, salads and soft drinks will be provided. Please RSVP at:

tiny.utk.edu/gss-social-rsvp

Got Questions?

Contact gss@utk.edu or contact your senator



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A dynamic, innovative, collaborative partner in shaping graduate education and a dedicated advocate for attracting and developing a diverse student population.

The GSS is a student-run organization which serves as a liaison between graduate students and the administration. We help to ensure that policies at UT are created and maintained to best serve our graduate student population.

