New GRADUATE STUDENT ORIENTATION

August 9 2021

WELCOME TO UT
Welcome to Rocky Top!

Congratulations on being a part of the Volunteer Family of graduate and professional students. Earning a graduate or professional degree opens the door to opportunities that change lives, and by beginning the pursuit of your degree, you are taking the first steps toward that new life. The process of earning a degree isn’t easy; it will require hard work, dedication, and persistence. Even though this hard work ultimately falls to you, you aren’t in this journey alone and you will be joined by faculty, staff and fellow students who will partner with you and assist you.

As you navigate your academic program, UT has opportunities for recreation, cultural enrichment, sports, and other world-class facilities that can allow you to connect with the campus. The Graduate School and our campus partners provide professional development events during the year, as well. You can visit our website and follow us on social media to learn about events and how to attend.

We enter fall 2021 with great anticipation. We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic is still impacting people and communities in the US and around the world. UT is committed to following the most up-to-date public health guidance in order to help keep our campus community safe. Following UT and the Graduate School on social media, as well as regularly checking your UT email, will ensure that you receive information as conditions change.

It is normal to feel a bit uncertain and nervous when starting graduate school. Remember – YOU BELONG HERE! You earned the right to enroll and you have the skills and abilities to succeed. Get to know your fellow classmates and your professors because they are your first line of defense in getting through the hard times. Don’t hesitate to ask for help – that is why we are here. We believe in you, and we are here to help.

Wishing you all the best,

Dixie Thompson
Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School
AGENDA

New Graduate Student Orientation
August 9, 2021

8:30–9:30 am  Welcome & Introduction
   Dixie L. Thompson, Dean of the Graduate School
   Hunter Hammock, Graduate Student Senate President

Professional Development
   Ernest L. Brothers, Associate Dean of the Graduate School

9:40–10:20 am  Plenary Session 1 — UT Libraries
   Michelle Brannen, UT Libraries

10:30–11:00 am  Breakout Sessions — Block 1
   Student Health Insurance, Title IX, Developing Future Faculty, Tennessee Traditions

11:00–11:45 am  Intermission

11:45 am–12:25 pm  Plenary Session 2 — Financial Aid
   Tim Woods, Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

12:35–1:05 pm  Breakout Sessions — Block 2
   Community Engagement, Communicating Your Research, Ombuds Services, Office of Information Technology (OIT)

1:15–2:00 pm  Plenary Session 3 — Graduate Student Life
   Hunter Hammock, Marcia Chavez, Julian Cosner, Nadya Vera, Virginia White

2:10–2:40 pm  Breakout Sessions — Block 3
   Academic Integrity, Health & Wellness, Owning Your Career!, International Education at UT

2:45–3:00 pm  Closing Remarks
There are many resources and services across campus and throughout Knoxville that can help graduate students succeed. These information sessions give you the opportunity to meet with representatives from these services and find out what they can offer.

**Plenary Session 1**

**UT Libraries**

Michelle Brannen, UT Libraries

9:40-10:20am, Session 1

The UT Libraries offer an array of services, resources, and expertise that can be invaluable to graduate students. In this virtual introduction to the libraries, you’ll learn where to find and how to access resources on the library website; how to connect with experts throughout the library; and the wide array of services the Libraries provides.

**Developing Future Faculty at UT**

Robert Jacobsen, Teaching and Learning Innovation

10:30-11:00am, Block 1

This presentation highlights the programs and resources from the Developing Future Faculty initiative of Teaching & Learning Innovation (TLI). TLI programs include seminars on evidence-based teaching strategies and effective online teaching. Resources include access to the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL), an international network of colleagues and universities working to equip graduate students and postdocs with knowledge and skills for career success.

**Breakout Sessions — Block 1**

**Student Health Insurance**

Jaclyn Slack, Hildreth Agency

10:30-11:00am, Block 1

Review of the eligibility requirements to enroll in the student health insurance plan, details about the coverage and how to use it for the best benefits, the Student Health Center referral requirement, how claims are processed, and how to enroll.

**Title IX: Your Rights & Responsibilities**

Laura Bryant, Office of Title IX

10:30-11:00am, Block 1

This presentation will introduce the Office of Title IX at UT. Participants will learn about the university’s comprehensive commitment to preventing and responding to sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, and stalking. Students will also learn how to access supportive services both on and off campus, and how to support university-wide prevention efforts.

**Tennessee Traditions**

Abby Sherman & Natalie Hassett, Graduate School

10:30-11:00am, Block 1

This presentation offers new students a chance to learn about the history behind some of the most beloved traditions that make UT special. In addition, we’ll highlight points of interest both on and off campus and share aspects of our experience as graduate students at UT.

**Plenary Session 2**

**Financial Aid**

Tim Woods, Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

11:45am-12:25pm, Session 2

This presentation will provide guidance to new graduate students on various aspects of financial aid. The overview will include important reminders for graduate recipients of fellowships, assistantships, scholarships, and student loans, and additional information will be included on topics such as cost of attendance, financial aid limits, due dates, and required documentation to apply for federal and private student loans.
Academic Integrity — Rights & Responsibilities

This presentation will cover University expectations related to academic integrity at the graduate level. Topics will include academic misconduct and trends, the Code of Conduct process and associated student rights, and campus resources.

Shaun McComas & Bryan Blackwell, Student Conduct
2:10-2:40pm, Block 3

Communicating Your Research

Easy publication of information through the web and social media can make it difficult for the public to discern the truth about academic research and its impact. Graduate students are often challenged to communicate difficult concepts to people from all walks of life, cutting through misinformation to provide the understanding needed to make important decisions. Join us as we discuss opportunities to develop your written, visual and oral communication skills.

Sean Hendricks, Graduate School
Kirsten Benson, Herbert Writing Center
Michelle Brannen, UT Libraries
12:35-1:05pm, Block 2

Introduction to Ombuds Services

Can you say ombudsperson and make it sound like one word? Do you know what an ombudsperson is, or are you thinking ombuds-what? In this quick introduction, participants will learn about the Office of Ombuds Services and how they can take advantage of its services.

Lisa Yamagata-Lynch, Office of Ombuds Services
12:35-1:05pm, Block 2

Office of Information Technology (OIT)

Technology will play a key role in your graduate experience. Know that the Office of Information Technology (OIT) is here to help. Whether you need help with technology for your class, accessing software, using online survey tools, or learning a new skill, you can reach out to our team. Come and learn about the resources available to you!

Rose Parker, Rosie Sasso, Rochelle Butler, Rachael Stanley, Office of Information Technology
12:35-1:05pm, Block 2

Owning Your Career!

Students will learn about the 5 P’s of Professional Development (Preview, Plan, Participate, Prepare, and Polish) to help them control their career journey. Each section will include recommended steps students can take to make sure they are ready for the world of work when they graduate. Students will also hear about some resources available to them from the Center for Career Development.

Stephanie Kit & Simone Stewart, Center for Career Development
2:10-2:40pm, Block 3

International Education at UT

Make a global impact through global research, partnerships, education abroad programs, student and faculty exchange, and diverse campus culture and events. Learn about global opportunities for Americans and International students at UT.

Scott Cantrell, Center for Global Engagement
2:10-2:40pm, Block 3

Plenary Session 3
Graduate Student Life Panel
Hunter Hammock, Marcia Chavez, Julian Cosner, Katie Lance, Nadya Vera, Maria White
1:15-2:00pm, Session 3
A panel of five returning graduate students will be available to answer questions from the incoming students about graduate school and managing their work/life balance.

Breakout Sessions — Block 2
Community Engagement: A Pathway to Scholarship
Javiette Samuel, Office of Diversity and Engagement
12:35-1:05pm, Block 2
Community engagement is a hallmark at UT. Adhering to Carnegie’s definition which describes the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity, UT fulfills its public engagement mission by investing in people and programs that benefit local and global communities. This session will help graduate students understand community engaged scholarship.

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Dr. Kirsten Benson is the director of the Judith Anderson Herbert Writing Center at UT. She recently co-authored an article on international graduate student writers, has co-edited several writing textbooks, and has published a variety of articles on writing center practices and student writing. She teaches graduate-level courses on qualitative research methods in writing studies and composition pedagogy and undergraduate courses in public and persuasive writing.

Laura Bryant, Ph.D., MSSW serves as the Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Prevention, Training, and Evaluation in the Office of Title IX. Laura oversees the university’s comprehensive approach to preventing sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Laura has worked at UT for eleven years, and before serving in her current role, Laura was the Director of the Center for Health Education & Wellness in which she directed student prevention efforts, care, and support via 974-HELP. Currently, Laura serves as a member of the Commission for LGBT People and serves on the College of Social Work Advisory Board where she is also an adjunct professor.

Bryan Blackwell

Student Conduct & Community Standards

Bryan has a passion for serving, assisting, and working alongside students as they navigate UT successfully to prevent misconduct by empowering the student to look beyond their current mistakes. Bryan joined the Student Conduct & Community Standards team in March of 2021 and serves as a coordinator. In this role, he provides oversight to graduate assistants and adjudicates academic and student misconduct with a functional area of athletics. Bryan is committed to fostering a culture of accountability and integrity for all students’ interpersonal growth and development. He leads with authenticity and values meaningful conversations of reflection. Bryan’s mantra is all about helping students overcome barriers as they matriculate into well-rounded adults embracing new challenges in the world.

Dr. Rochelle Butler is a Research Consultant in the Office of Information Technology. She provides statistical consulting and qualitative research design and analysis support to faculty, staff, and students utilizing university-supported research software.

Scott Cantrell

Center for Global Engagement

Scott Cantrell is the Director responsible for both International House and International Student and Scholar Services at the Center for Global Engagement. Scott’s interests include intercultural communication, international events, travel student success, and music.
Natalie Hassett

Natalie Hassett is a School Psychology doctoral student in the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling at UT. This year, Natalie will earn her master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis and a graduate certificate in Grief, Loss, and Trauma. In 2018, she graduated from Clemson University earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Natalie is currently a graduate research assistant for the Graduate School of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She has worked on several research projects focusing on literacy assessment and instruction as well as the identification and screening of students for dyslexia and intellectual giftedness. In her free time, Natalie enjoys exploring Knoxville, TN and loves spending time with her family and community.

Hunter Hammock

During his senior year of undergraduate studies at UT, Hunter worked in Dr. Carl Sams' plant physiology lab and became excited about using his organic and analytical chemistry background in combination with controlled environment agriculture to improve current practices and provide high-quality, sustainable food sources for future generations. After obtaining his BS degree in Chemistry and Psychology in May 2015, Hunter accepted a graduate research/teaching assistantship at UT to study the impact of LED lighting on high-value specialty crop production and basil flavor volatile profiles. Hunter graduated with his MS degree in Plant Sciences in May 2018 and is continuing his research at UT in pursuit of obtaining his doctorate. After graduation, he wants to continue research in an academic or private industry setting. His interests include flavor chemistry, LED lighting, spectral quality's interaction with plant secondary metabolism, high-value specialty crops, greenhouse production, hydroponics, and human nutrition.

Julian Cosner

Julian Cosner grew up in Knoxville, Tennessee and graduated from UT with a BS in Plant Sciences in 2016. After working in the green industry for a few years, he returned to graduate school in Dr. Jerome Grant's laboratory to study integrated pest management (IPM). In the past few years, regulatory boundaries regarding industrial hemp (Cannabis sativa L.) have changed allowing legal production, market development, and university research. A new crop in an area means new problems and pests that growers have to face. Currently, corn earworm (Helicoverpa zea Boddie) is the most dangerous insect pest when growing hemp outdoors because the larvae destroy the marketable flower where cannabinoid concentrations are highest. Julian's research aims to better understand the relationship between this pest and hemp to help develop pest management strategies for industrial hemp grown in the southeast.

Marcia Chavez

Marcia Chavez is a fifth-year doctoral student in the Psychology Department and also a first-gen college student. Her research focuses on how chronic stress before adulthood impacts mental health-related behaviors and neuroplasticity in the brain. Within this same line of research, she also investigates how chronic stress differentially affects males and females. Marcia earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees in her home state of California before continuing her academic journey here in Tennessee. After completing her doctoral degree, Marcia’s goal is to pursue a career in research at a national laboratory such as NIMH or another non-profit organization.
Sean Hendricks
Graduate School

Sean Q. Hendricks currently serves as Communications Manager for the Graduate School. His job is to maintain communications for the Graduate School, including the promotion of professional development for graduate and professional students, the highlighting of graduate student research, and the recruitment of excellent students to graduate programs at UT. He is a strong advocate for the training of graduate students to talk about their research clearly and compellingly to many different audiences.

Robert Jacobsen
Teaching and Learning Innovation

As a lecturer in the Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences, Dr. Robert Jacobsen teaches introductory geology and geoscience education. Jacobsen also works with Teaching & Learning Innovation as the UT Institutional Leader of the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, & Learning. Jacobsen leads programs for graduate students and postdocs focused on evidence-based teaching practices in STEM. Jacobsen is also the Assistant Director of the Tennessee Space Grant Consortium, which exists to support STEM learning opportunities at UT and in the community.

Stephanie Kit
Center for Career Development

Stephanie Kit has worked at the Center for Career Development & Academic Transitions for 25 years and currently serves as executive director. Prior to taking on that role, Stephanie was the associate director for career exploration and led the career planning team in providing career development initiatives across campus. Stephanie’s passion is helping students with choosing majors and developing career goals. Stephanie is nationally certified as a counselor and career counselor.

Shaun McComas
Student Conduct & Community Standards

Shaun McComas has served students at UT in Student Conduct & Community Standards since 2016. Shaun’s primary focus has been working with faculty, staff, and students to address behavioral and academic misconduct on campus while maintaining responsibility for office assessment, evaluation, and administration of Maxient’s student conduct database software. Shaun’s professional experiences paired with his Social Work education allow him to approach Student Conduct with compassion, understanding, and attention to environmental factors to promote student development.

Javiette Samuel
Office of Diversity and Engagement

Dr. Javiette Samuel is the assistant vice chancellor for Diversity and Engagement, director of Community Engagement and Outreach, and an affiliated associate professor in the Department of Child and Family Studies. She has worked with underrepresented P-20 students, families, and communities for nearly 25 years, focusing on engagement, outreach, and evidence-based programs. Samuel partners with units across campus to connect UT’s knowledge with the community in mutually beneficial ways and on initiatives that ensure access and are designed to address recruitment and retention of underrepresented students, faculty, and staff.

Rose Parker
Office of Information Technology (OIT)

Rose Parker, a graduate of UT with a master’s degree in Education, is an Assistant Director in the Office of Information Technology (OIT). With 20+ years in IT support at the university, she coordinates the communication efforts for OIT and provides support to faculty, staff, and students for various OIT services.

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Abby Sherman
Student Services, Graduate School
Abby Sherman is the Coordinator of Student Services for the Graduate School. Abby has worked in graduate education at UT for over 6 years. She advises students on Graduate School requirements for theses and dissertations and is part of the graduate and professional student professional development team. Abby earned two bachelor’s degrees in Creative Writing and Literature from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL. She earned her master’s degree in Educational Psychology from UT. She is a voracious reader and loves all things creative whether it be art, music, or theatre. She enjoys taking advantage of the amazing outdoor amenities in East TN and going to local festivals.

Rosie Sasso
Office of Information Technology (OIT)
Dr. Rosie Sasso is a Senior Learning Technology Specialist in the Office of Information Technology. She provides instructional design and technical support to faculty, staff, and students in utilizing the university’s online academic learning environments, Canvas and Zoom.

Simone Stewart
Center for Career Development
Simone Stewart serves as the career coach to selected majors within the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences and the College of Social Work. In this role, she counsels students on career options and choices, job and internship seeking, graduate school planning, and preparing for the next steps after college. She specializes in careers in the social services, education, non-profits, law, and government. She obtained her Masters of Education and Bachelors in Management degrees from The Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia.

Nadya Vera
Graduate Student Panel
Nadya Vera is a graduate student in environmental sociology with research interests in animals & society, sociology of emotions, and social movements. She earned a master’s degree in mass communications with an emphasis in public relations at the University of Florida and a bachelor’s degree in theater arts at Florida International University. Prior to her 2017 return to academia, she worked managing media relations for animal fighting issues at the Humane Society of the United States in Washington, D.C., and as an environmental public health educator for the Washington County Department of Health & Human Services in Hillsboro, Oregon.
**Virginia White**  
**Graduate Student Panel**

Virginia White was born in Cordoba, Argentina. She is currently a third-year PhD student in the department of chemistry at UT in the physical chemistry track with a concentration in theoretical chemistry. Virginia studies electronic structure theory methods of atoms and molecules, specifically multiconfigurational wave function methods, with her advisor Dr. Vogiatzis. Virginia’s research is applied to the study of N2 functionalization and expands to method development using quantum information science. She also has a five-year-old boy named Liam who starts kindergarten in the fall. Virginia loves teaching students, and she hopes to one day be part of a chemistry department where she can teach quantum chemistry to PhD students and have her own research group.

**Tim Woods**  
**Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships**

Tim Woods is an Associate Director in the UT Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships and has been a member of this UT department for 22 years. He coordinates many of our internal processes for a variety of campus-based funds, including the posting of numerous institutional awards and other forms of financial assistance to the accounts of UT students. Tim is both a full-time staff member and graduate of UT Knoxville, where he earned both a Bachelor’s Degree of Fine Arts and a Master’s of Science Degree in Education. Tim is also an artist and produces mostly two-dimensional images in both watercolor and mixed media.

**Lauren Wood**  
**International House**

Lauren Wood is the Assistant Director at the International House and has worked in the Center for Global Engagement since 2012. Her current responsibilities focus on supporting international students at UT and educating all students on matters of global engagement and intercultural competence development. Her background includes teaching in intensive English programs, recruiting international students, and coordinating language and culture programs for international students and groups.

**Lisa Yamagata-Lynch**  
**Office of Ombuds Services**

Lisa Yamagata-Lynch is the University Ombudsperson and Director of the Office of Ombuds Services at UT. Prior to being appointed as the ombudsperson in 2019, she was a faculty member in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences in the Educational Psychology Department with the rank of professor. She has experience working as the Director of Graduate Studies and Associate Head of the department.
Ernest L. Brothers
Associate Dean

Ernest Brothers currently serves as an associate dean in the Graduate School and as director of the Office of Graduate Training and Mentorship. He is also the past associate director for diversity enhancement for the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS) and an adjunct assistant professor of political science.

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Sara E. Bradberry
Assistant Dean, Director of Student Services

Sara currently serves as the assistant dean and director of student services for the Graduate School. She works collaboratively with faculty and staff to ensure quality standards in graduate education, to resolve academic and policy issues facing graduate students, and to provide services that contribute to graduate student retention and success.

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Abby Sherman

Coordinator of Student Services

Abby Sherman is the Coordinator of Student Services for the Graduate School. Abby has worked in graduate education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville for over 5 years. She advises students on thesis and dissertation submissions and is part of the graduate professional development team.

Jennifer Rawdon

Graduation Specialist

Graduating graduate students with last names starting with A through K should contact Ms. Rawdon about:

• Graduation Requirements
• Graduation Application
• Admission to Candidacy
• Committee Appointments
• Pass/Fail form

Julie Harden

Graduation Specialist

Graduating graduate students with last names starting with L through Z should contact Ms. Harden about:

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• Committee Appointments
• Pass/Fail form

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The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) represents the interests of all graduate and professional students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The GSS provides the opinion of the graduate student body to administrators and works towards improving the graduate and professional student experience on campus. In addition, the GSS has partnerships with various organizations and departments on campus to provide valuable programming for graduate and professional students. This includes, but is not limited to Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week (GPSAW), collaborations with the Center for Career Development, GSS Travel Awards which provide funds to graduate and professional students traveling to conferences to present original work, and the GSS Awards Ceremony and Breakfast which recognizes outstanding graduate and professional students as well as the faculty and staff who support them.

The GSS participates in the establishment of policies and regulations relating to the graduate experience and makes recommendations to the appropriate decision-making officers. The voting membership of the GSS consists of representatives from each academic graduate program or department. In addition to internal strategic planning and legislative committees, many GSS Senators serve as representatives on various university-wide committees including the Graduate Council.
New to the Vol Nation? Here are a few things to do to get your time on Rocky Top started off right.

Get Your VolCard
Having your VolCard is your key to getting access to UT facilities. The VolCard office is providing the VolCard Digital ID, which is available for both iPhone and Android users. If you have questions, you can reach the VolCard office at volcard@utk.edu or 865-974-3430.

Get Some (Parking) Space
If you plan to be on campus regularly, or occasionally, you’ll need a permit to avoid citations. Parking and Transit Services has information on parking permits for students parking regularly, and these are on sale at any time. If you are only going to park occasionally on campus, you may want to check out their comparison of other options.

Graduate Students Gotta Eat
Graduate students are eligible to sign up for a Vol Dining meal plan, if desired. After you learn more about plans and dining locations, you can head over to MyUTK (myutk.utk.edu) and select “Manage Meal Plan” under the My Services menu. From there you can select the plan that works for you.

Keep the UT Community Safe
For enrollment purposes, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and/or the State of Tennessee mandate newly admitted students meet and submit proof of certain immunization and tuberculosis (TB) requirements. If you are a distance education student, you may not be required to submit immunizations to Student Health Services. If you have any questions, visit Student Health Services or contact the Immunization Coordinator at immunizations@utk.edu.

With vaccines readily available, we have entered a new phase of our response to COVID-19. Students, faculty, and staff are urged to make informed decisions about their health and how to protect themselves. Vaccinations are strongly recommended. More information can be found on the UT coronavirus website.

Go to the Source
The UT Graduate Catalog is a comprehensive resource for program requirements and university policies. If you have any questions about required courses, examinations, or other requirements for your program, this is the place to go. There is also information on policies such as academic standards, enrollment, assistantships, and more.
The GPSPD team has worked to create a framework for professional development that can help guide graduate and professional students to opportunities that can help them achieve their career goals.

**Communication & Presentation Skills**
Writing and speaking to the public and within your field are critical for professional success.

- Learn to develop professional oral and written communications, including public speaking, professional correspondence, presentation development and delivery, and visual representation of data.
- Learn when and how to use social media for personal brand development and professional purposes.

**Career Development & Management**
Cultivate the skills to assess opportunities and take strategic risks.

- Build awareness of career options in your field and pathways to those careers.
- Learn personal goal-setting and implementation
- Develop relevant skills, experience, and competencies toward that career goal.
- Develop a professional identity

**Professional Socialization & Professionalism**
Learn skills and competencies to become a professional in research and applied settings.

- Learn collaboration across disciplines and creative problem-solving to develop projects and effectively lead or contribute to teams.
- Identify and cultivate the transferable skills taught within the graduate career that are expected of a high level, working professional.

**Networking & Relationship Building**
Professional opportunities such as internships, grants, and collaborations are often acquired through professional networks.

- Learn to establish and cultivate relationships with professionals and organizations in your field.

**Well-Being & Personal Development**
It is important to understand the demands of graduate life and professional life.

- Learn to manage the competing priorities of personal and professional life.
- Develop attention to work-life harmony, personal goals, and professional productivity.

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Our hope is that every individual member of our community can say “I belong at UT.”

The Graduate School joins the entire UT community in a commitment to making our campus a place where everyone belongs. Be aware that there are resources on campus for you to help you make sure your story is heard and for you to hear and celebrate the stories of others.

**Division of Diversity and Engagement**

The Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Engagement, Tyvi Small, and his team is committed to supporting the creation of equitable and inclusive spaces for students, faculty, and staff, with a focus on removing structural barriers and fostering an atmosphere in which every member of the campus community matters and belongs.

They work to advance access, accountability, an inclusive campus climate, and equity while combating racism, bias, and discrimination.

[diversity.utk.edu](http://diversity.utk.edu)

**Pride Center**

The Pride Center is the LGBTQ+ resource center at UT. They strive to be a space to engage with and explore issues relating to gender and sexuality through events, community space, and initiatives.

[pridecenter.utk.edu](http://pridecenter.utk.edu)

**Center for Global Engagement**

Reporting directly to the Office of the Provost, the Center for Global Engagement works to lead, coordinate, and support the university’s strategies for global education, research, and engagement.

[cge.utk.edu](http://cge.utk.edu)

**Office of Multicultural Student Life**

Multicultural Student Life is dedicated to promoting a welcoming and inclusive campus environment while advocating for traditionally marginalized students.

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Questions about graduate student health insurance? Contact Yolanda McCaffrey at 865-974-2337 or Sara Dunphy at 974-6147.

**Teaching & Learning Innovation**
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**UT Libraries**
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You can also email the Research Assistance staff or text questions to 865-940-0821.

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**VolCard Office**
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**The Graduate School**
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**Graduate Student Organizations**
If you are looking to connect with other graduate students, there are many opportunities for you to get involved with a student organization at UT. Visit VOLink to find groups such as:

- The Multicultural Graduate Student Organization
- OUTGrads
- Latina/o/x Association of Graduate Students
- Women in STEM: Advancing Research, Readiness and Retention

plus many departmental student organizations!
Happening This Week

Graduate Student Community Fair
Wednesday, August 11
11 AM - 1 PM
Pedestrian Walkway

Graduate Student Night @ the Zoo
Friday, August 13
5 PM - 8:30 PM,
Zoo Knoxville
3500 Knoxville Zoo Dr, Knoxville, TN 37914
RSVP required

Happening this Fall

Graduate Student Night @ Smokies Stadium
Thursday, September 9

Trivia Night
Monday, September 27

Ghost Tour of Old City
Thursday, October 21

Follow us on social media for more event details later in the semester!

Graduate Student Night at Main Event
Wednesday, November 17
These businesses have been great supporters of graduate education over the years and have provided gifts and prizes for our events, including this week’s Community Fair. We hope you’ll take the time to visit these local businesses and help support them just as they have done for us.

Bush Brothers & Company (Baked Beans)
Chick-fil-A in Bearden
Knoxville Ice Bears
Kroger
NASCAR Speedpark Smoky Mountains
The Muse
IN RECOGNITION

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