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I-House Welcomes International Students

International Student Orientation begins this week! Following the first few days of student check-in and campus tours, the I-House will host a Beyond Borders Dancy Party on **Tuesday, August 17 at 7PM**. Grab your dancing shoes and join us for a night of fun!

SUMMER RECAP



Summer '21 #VolsAbroad

The Programs Abroad Office had 278 students participate in a program abroad this summer. PAO sent students to London, Costa Rica, Copenhagen, Spain, and more. Over 100 of these students participated in an online global program!

Check out more photos featured on our Instagram [@utkprogramsabroad](#)

CALLING STUDENT VOLS



SDG Focused Course Offering to Students

UT students now have an opportunity to explore the synergies of the 17 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and develop action plans to address these goals.

Tom Gill, Smith Chair in International Sustainable Agriculture, will be leading the ALEC 485/585 course this fall. This course will provide a transdisciplinary introduction and assessment of these global SDGs.

[Read more](#) about the course and Gill's experience addressing food insecurity in Uganda and his efforts to fulfill his life mission "to reduce both hunger and poverty while also restoring the planet in an era of climate change".



AAPI Initiative: Invent2Prevent

The [Office of Asia Engagement](#) and the Global Security Program at the [Howard Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy](#) announce a call for applications for the

Invent2Prevent program sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security. Students will work on a small team to design and implement a tool or creative initiative addressing discrimination, extremism, and violence against Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders (AAPI) in the US. Students will have the ability to earn credit, will have access to an operating budget, and could earn the chance to present their work at DHS in Washington, D.C.

Click [here](#) to learn more or apply.

CAMPUS TO COMMUNITY



ELI Offers Saturday English for Professionals

The English Language Institute is kicking off their Saturday English for Professionals course on August 14, 2021! Designed for UT faculty, staff, and the Knoxville community, these courses cover professional writing, speaking for business, American business culture, and pronunciation.

[Apply Now.](#)



August Global Engagement Champion

From spicy to sweet or mushy to crunchy, food and the human response can vary significantly across cultures. In order for Curtis Luckett, Director of the Center for Sensory Science and Assistant

Professor in the Department of Food Science, to further his research on food science and perception, he has collaborated with global laboratories to help food and beverage companies understand what consumers like and dislike. Luckett's research concentrates on sensory science focusing on the field of texture perception, carbohydrate chemistry, and human nutrition. His work has been published in Journal of Sensory Science, Chemical Senses, Journal of Agriculture & Food Chemistry, Food Quality & Preference, and Journal of Food Science.

[Click here](#) to read August's GEC article about Luckett's global research.



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