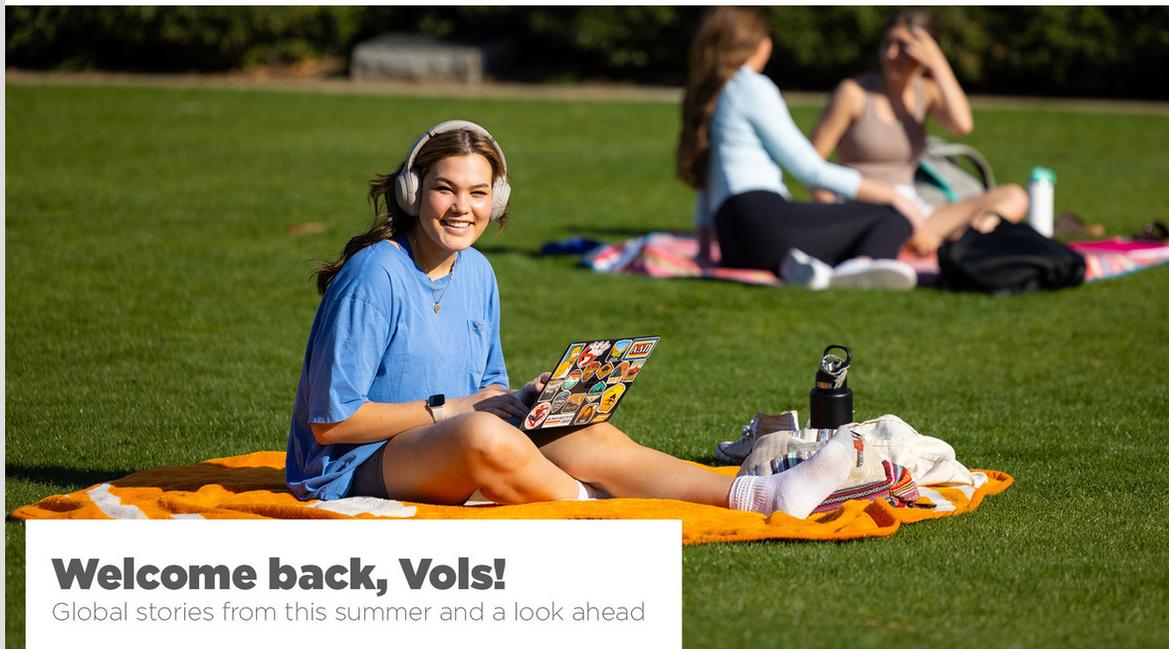


VolSphere

A monthly newsletter by the Center for Global Engagement

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Welcome back, Vols!

Global stories from this summer and a look ahead

Hey Vols! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready for the fall semester.

There are a ton of global stories from across campus this summer, so read on for #VolsAbroad stories from students, opportunities for faculty, ways to get involved and upcoming fall events.

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From Gretchen's Desk

A letter from Vice Provost Gretchen Neisler

Gretchen Neisler, vice provost for international affairs, shares about her summer on the road. [Read about connections made](#) in Rwanda, Kenya, Nova Scotia and Tanzania.

Center for Global Engagement...

- **New Directors:** This summer, [CGE welcomed new directors](#) to the Programs Abroad Office and the English Language Institute.
- **International Students:** During the spring 2023 semester, UT [hosted students from 98 countries](#)—more than half the world's countries.
- **LinkedIn:** Follow CGE on this [brand new LinkedIn page](#) to stay in the loop on how we're supporting a university culture in which global engagement and international education is prioritized and encouraged.
- **NAFSA:** UT and the State of Tennessee [had a strong presence](#) at the NAFSA International Educators Conference.
- **DOS Visit:** High-ranking [US Department of State officials held a meeting](#) at the International House for students to learn about careers in the Foreign and Civil Service.
- **Jobs at CGE:** Join the Center for Global Engagement's growing team by [applying for a full-time or part-time position](#).

News from Campus...

- **Fulbright:** 11 UT students and recent graduates [received 2023–24 Fulbright awards](#) to expand their perspectives through academic and professional advancement and cross cultural dialogue.
 - **Gilman Scholars:** 13 UT students were [awarded funds collectively totaling \\$42,000](#) to make their dreams of study abroad a reality.
 - **Schwarzman Scholars:** Two recent UT graduates were [selected for a prestigious graduate fellowship](#) which provides the opportunity to study global affairs on the campus of Tsinghua University in Beijing.
 - **Athletics:** The Tennessee men's basketball team [traveled to Italy](#) for a three-game exhibition tour filled with cultural immersion and exciting sight-seeing experiences.
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Get Involved...

- **Passport Workshop for Students:** Students are invited to [stop in on August 31](#) for guidance from the Passport Services Office and the Programs Abroad Office on completing their new passport applications.
- **COIL Award for Faculty:** Looking for a way to enhance global learning and bring international partners into your classroom? Learn more about [COIL](#) and apply for the [Innovative Course Design Award](#).
- **Photo Contest:** The Smith Center is calling for photos from your recent international travels to [raise money for study abroad scholarship funds](#) to support student travel. The deadline to enter is today, August 15.
- **Knox Asian Festival:** Asian cultural student organizations are encouraged to exhibit or volunteer at the 10th Annual Knox Asian Festival. Contact info@knoxasianfestival.com for more information.



New Faculty Directed Program Registration Process

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The Programs Abroad Office has launched a new [Faculty Directed Program Registration](#). Built from scratch to eliminate repetition, it streamlines the process to be holistically clear about each piece of program development.

Priority deadline: **Aug 15** (*recommended for winter mini/spring '24 programs*)

Standard deadline: **Sep 15**

Programs Abroad Highlights...

- **Ireland and Argentina:** Both of which launched this year, two new global experiential learning opportunities [created career opportunities for students](#) in the equine industry and agricultural resource and economics.
- **Panama:** 16 UT students representing civil engineering, biosystems engineering, nursing and forestry brought multiple skills to a [project aimed at improving clean water availability](#) in remote communities.

#VolsAbroad Stories by Students...

- [A daily blog](#) from Academy for Global Scholars students in Costa Rica
- Jazmin Elias [studies International Business](#) at UT in Barcelona program
- Watch Gracie Jones's [takeover from Costa Rica](#) during the Academy for Global Scholars—a program for first year, first generation students

- Watch Gilman recipient Jaelyn Blackwell's [takeover from Florence, Italy](#)
- Watch this [takeover from Puerto Rico](#) by Student Success Academy scholars Ashley Segovia and Erica Parker

Events...

- Aug 26: [Knox Asian Festival](#)
- Aug 31: [Passport Workshop for Students](#)
- Sep 6: [International Coffeehouse](#)
- Sep 22: [UTIA International Showcase hosted by the Smith Center](#)
- Oct 16: [VolsAbroad Fair](#)
- Oct 20: [International Festival](#)
- Nov 13–17: International Education Week (save the date)

[Find all UT global events here.](#) Tag 'Center for Global Engagement' under 'Department' to have your event show up on this calendar.

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