



Doctoral Fellowships For Those Who Aspire to Make a Difference

## Call for Nominations, Spring 2008

The Self Graduate Fellowship (SGF) supports outstanding doctoral students in business, economics, engineering, mathematics, and biological, biomedical, pharmaceutical, and physical sciences at the University of Kansas. Nominations are sought from departments in these areas for applicants who will begin work on a Ph.D. in the fall semester of 2008 and students in the first year of a Ph.D. program who do not have a research-based master's degree in the Ph.D. discipline.

*Nominations are due in the Self Graduate Fellowship office by noon on January 28, 2008.*

*The deadline for student personal statements is 5 p.m. on January 31, 2008.*

### Award and Program

Self Fellows receive a support package that exceeds \$140,000. The SGF endowment provides each fellow a four-year award, which includes a monthly payment and educational allowance (\$24,500 in 2008–2009), tuition and fees for up to 84 credit hours, plus a development program. The Fellow Development Program is the distinguishing feature of the fellowship. It provides general education and training in communication, management, and leadership to assist fellows in preparation for future leadership roles. Fellows interact with nationally prominent experts to gain broad knowledge of public policy issues. Fellows also participate in an intensive public policy seminar held in Washington, D. C.

### Nomination Guidelines

#### *Who to nominate*

The SGF seeks individuals whose academic preparation, vision, and commitment to career goals match the Self Fellow Profile (below). SGF guidelines direct the Board of Trustees to select an entering class with a variety of career goals in the private sector, government, or higher education. No more than 20 percent of offers will go to students who indicate a preference for higher education.

Nominees must be U.S. citizens. Nominees must have received their bachelor's degrees within the last eight years. Students who are invited to interview must submit proof of U.S. citizenship prior to the interview.

#### *Self Fellow profile*

The ideal candidate possesses unusual motivation, passion, and potential to make significant contributions to his/her profession and to society. In addition to a strong academic record, he or she has leadership, communication, and decision-making skills. He or she displays personal attributes that include self-awareness, emotional maturity, initiative, tenacity, energy, vision, risk-taking, and interpersonal effectiveness. The ideal candidate is interested in personal development and lifelong learning and is committed to participation in the Fellow Development Program.

#### *How to nominate*

Please send the attached "Information for 2008 Self Graduate Fellowship (SGF) Nominees" document to your nominees as soon as they have been identified. It contains directions for their personal statements. The nomination file to be submitted by the department should include the SGF cover sheet provided in this document, a letter of nomination from the department, copies of the candidate's KU graduate school application, transcripts, GRE scores, application statement (to the department), resume, and three other letters of recommendation, plus any other supporting materials from the department.

#### *Selection process overview*

Nominations are due by noon on January 28, 2008, in the Self Graduate Fellowship office, 222 Strong Hall. Candidates will be selected for interviews by February 15, 2008. Interviewees will be invited to campus to visit departments and interview for fellowships February 27–March 2, 2008. The deadline for acceptance of offers is April 15, 2008.

For more information, please visit the SGF website: [www.ku.edu/~selfpro](http://www.ku.edu/~selfpro) or contact Sharon Graham, 785-864-7249, [sgraham@ku.edu](mailto:sgraham@ku.edu).

# Self Graduate Fellowship Nomination Cover Sheet, Spring 2008

Nominating department \_\_\_\_\_

Name of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Current address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_

A Social Security number is required for purposes of awarding financial aid. Further, it is requested, but not mandatory under K.S.A. 76-725, for maintaining accurate records and servicing accounts.

Proposed mentor (if known) or first-year faculty contact \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

GRE score and % (if available) \_\_\_\_\_  
Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Quantitative \_\_\_\_\_ Analytical \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate institution \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Year degree awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Must be between 2000 and 2008. GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate institution \_\_\_\_\_ Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Year graduate degree awarded \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Date of first graduate enrollment at KU \_\_\_\_\_ KUID \_\_\_\_\_

Is student currently in first year of KU Ph.D. program? \_\_\_\_\_

For first-year Ph.D. students, please contact us. If yes, and student has a master's degree, he/she may be ineligible.

Other fellowship or assistantship support \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Must be U.S. citizen.

## Include with cover sheet:

\_\_\_\_\_ Letter of nomination from department. This may come from the chair or other faculty member.

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of KU graduate school application

\_\_\_\_\_ Transcripts of all college or university work

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of GRE scores ( \_\_\_ Please check here if department does not require.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Application statement from student to department (if required)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student resume

This resume should highlight experiences, as opposed to a traditional academic vita. Significant achievements from work, hobbies, volunteer projects, school, extracurricular activities, travel, and life experiences should be listed.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other material from the file

\_\_\_\_\_ Three letters of recommendation. (New letters should be submitted on letterhead.)

### *For new Ph.D. students*

\_\_\_\_\_ These may come from the Ph.D. application file. However, one or two letters that address Self Fellow attributes will be more informative in considering the nomination. Letters may come from individuals identified by the student.

### *For first-year Ph.D. students*

\_\_\_\_\_ At least one letter from a current KU faculty member.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other letters may come from the Ph.D. application file. However, one or two letters that address Self Fellow attributes will be more informative in considering the nomination. Letters may come from individuals identified by the student.

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Director signature \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Self Graduate Fellowship, 222 Strong Hall, Campus. **Deadline: January 28, 2008, Noon**

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### **Student Resume**

All nominees for 2008 are being asked to submit a copy of their resume. This should be distinguished from a traditional academic vita. This document should highlight experiences and significant achievements from work, school, volunteer projects, and extracurricular activities. Awards and honors, and research experiences should be listed. Memberships and offices held should be noted.

### **Letters of Recommendation**

The Self Graduate Fellowship recognizes that identification is key to successful nomination of a potential Self Fellow. It is easier to write a letter if the individual is known to a department through an REU program, professional association, or other means.

Departments, if possible, are encouraged to contact students who apply to the Ph.D. program. This may give the department the opportunity to more aggressively recruit the candidate and get additional information regarding the student's wider range of experiences. Departments may choose to ask the student to contact someone outside of higher education to write a letter of recommendation. The person being asked to write the letter may be given the following:

Outstanding Ph.D. students may be nominated for the prestigious Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship. Please describe this individual's motivation, passion, and potential to make significant contributions to his/her profession and to society. Successful nominees will have a strong record of leadership and decision-making skills. He or she will display personal attributes that include self-awareness, emotional maturity, initiative, tenacity, energy, vision, risk-taking, and interpersonal effectiveness.

Departments may also choose to add a statement on their own Report on Applicant for Admission forms. Language such as the following might be added:

Some KU students may be nominated for the prestigious Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship. Please describe this individual's motivation, passion, and potential to make significant contributions to his or her profession and to society. Successful nominees will have a strong record of leadership and decision-making skills. He or she will display personal attributes that include self-awareness, emotional maturity, initiative, tenacity, energy, vision, risk-taking, and interpersonal effectiveness.

### **Recognition of Limits**

Finally, we do recognize there are limits on what can be done. Time and other factors may constrain your ability to gather additional information. Our goal is to get the best possible snapshot of an individual for the purpose of determining whether or not he or she should be invited to campus for an interview.

We thank you for your efforts.

Please direct questions to: Sharon Graham, 785-864-7249, [sgraham@ku.edu](mailto:sgraham@ku.edu)