

Mission

The mission of the University of Kansas Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship is to identify, recruit, and provide development opportunities for exceptional Ph.D. students. These students demonstrate the promise to make significant contributions to their fields of study and society as a whole. Eligible fields of study: business, economics, engineering, mathematics, biological sciences, biomedical sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, physical sciences.

Self Fellows

Self Fellows are selected for their vision, career goals, and achievements. They are able to set and attain goals, show leadership potential and motivation, and possess a strong work ethic. Self Fellows also demonstrate initiative and passion for achievement and lifelong learning, and make a commitment to participate in the Fellow Development Program.

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Self Graduate Fellowship, 2012–2013

The Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship offers a special opportunity for U.S. citizens seeking a Ph.D. at the University of Kansas. We seek students with the attributes we believe will put them on track to make a difference in the world and in their professions.

New Self Fellows for 2012–2013 will receive \$29,000 each year for four years. Payment is through appointment as a graduate research assistant, or occasionally as a graduate teaching assistant. The fellowship covers tuition, fees, and the employer's share of student health insurance costs. All fellows also participate in the Fellow Development Program. The total value of the four-year doctoral fellowship exceeds \$164,000. The 26 current Self Fellows are among 131 students who have benefited from the fellowship since it was established in 1989.

Departments identify and nominate admitted Ph.D. students in late January. Interested students should contact prospective departments early and complete a graduate school application during the fall semester. Learn more about the Self Graduate Fellowship at www.ku.edu/~selfpro

Fields of Study

Business Accounting, Decision Sciences, Finance, Human Resources Management, Information Systems, Marketing, Organizational Behavior, Strategic Management

Engineering Aerospace Engineering; Bioengineering; Chemical and Petroleum Engineering; Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering; Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; Mechanical Engineering

Liberal Arts and Sciences Chemistry, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Economics, Geography (Physical), Geology, Mathematics (Applied), Molecular Biosciences, Physics

Medicine Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences, KU Medical Center, Kansas City. The IGPBS provides the first year core curriculum for seven Ph.D. programs.

Pharmacy Medicinal Chemistry, Neurosciences, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacology and Toxicology

Fellow Development Program

The Fellow Development Program is a distinctive feature of the Self Graduate Fellowship. It provides general education and training in communication, management, and leadership to assist Self Fellows in preparation for future leadership roles, complementing the specialized education and training provided in Ph.D. programs.

Fellow development program topics include oral and written communication, media communication, negotiation, teamwork, advocacy, ethics, leadership, business planning and development, financial management, human resources management, and project management and support.

Program activities include week-long skill sessions, held during the summer and winter breaks; biweekly luncheons; communication coaching sessions; lectures on public policy issues; and a government and science policy seminar held in Washington D.C. Fellows are expected to participate in the Fellow Development Program for four consecutive years. The time commitment is approximately 80 hours each year, plus preparation and travel time.

The University of Kansas is committed to excellence in graduate and professional education. To learn more, visit www.graduate.ku.edu