

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, 2009–2010

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.

We anticipate that Self Fellows for 2010–2011 will receive \$25,500 each year for four years, full tuition coverage up to 84 hours, and the Fellow Development Program. The total value of the four-year doctoral fellowship exceeds \$160,000. The 29 current Self Fellows are among 117 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 (Ph.D.)

Engineering Aerospace Engineering; Bioengineering; Civil, Environmental & Architectural Engineering; Electrical Engineering & Computer Science; Mechanical Engineering; Chemical & Petroleum Engineering (Ph.D. and D.E.)

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

Medicine Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in the Biomedical Sciences (Ph.D.), KU Medical Center, Kansas City

Pharmacy Medicinal Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmacology & Toxicology (Ph.D.)

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 participate in a week-long seminar on national-level government and science policy issues. 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