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The University of Kansas**

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Self Graduate Fellowship (SGF). This handbook provides general information about the SGF, current policies, and 2009–2010 activities.

The fellowship was established in 1989. The necessity of having clear and understandable policy statements, as well as a mechanism to review and amend them, became evident soon after the inception of the program. In 1993, a Board of Trustees was formed to provide oversight for the program and to act as the policy making body for the fellowship.

This handbook has been prepared to provide policy statements and answers to the most commonly asked questions about the fellowship, including enrollment, employment, and other fellowships. These policies are revised from time to time; please contact the SGF office for current policies.

The Self Graduate Fellowship is offered in collaboration with KU Graduate Studies, academic departments, and faculty. Information provided here supplements rules and guidelines provided in the Graduate Studies Catalog (www.catalogs.ku.edu/graduate) and by the Office of the University Registrar (www.registrar.ku.edu).

MISSION STATEMENT

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 who demonstrate the promise to make significant contributions to their fields of study and society as a whole.

HISTORY

The Self Graduate Fellowship was established in 1989 through the generosity of Madison and Lila Self.

The first two Self Fellows entered the program in fall 1991. Two new fellows entered each year through 1994. Beginning in fall 1995, the number of fellows entering each year increased. There are 28 active fellows and 89 alumni in the 2009–2010 academic year.

The first director of the Self Graduate Fellowship was Howard E. Mossberg. Mossberg directed the Self Fellowship from 1991 until he retired in 2003. He held several administrative and teaching appointments at KU, including dean of the School of Pharmacy, vice chancellor for research, dean of the Graduate School, and director of technology transfer. Jimmy D. Morrison was director and managing trustee of the Self Graduate Fellowship from 2003 to 2007. Howard E. Mossberg returned as director and managing trustee in fall 2007.

MADISON AND LILA SELF

Madison “Al” and Lila Self launched and permanently endowed the Self Graduate Fellowship in 1989, motivated by their strong belief in the vital importance of developing leadership for tomorrow. Kansas natives, Mr. and Mrs. Self met at the University of Kansas.

Mr. Self, who graduated from KU in 1943 with a degree in chemical engineering, became an owner and CEO of Bee Chemical Co. in Lansing, Illinois, in 1947. When he sold the company 37 years later, it had grown from a staff of three to a sizable corporation with five manufacturing locations in the United States and international operations in Japan and England.

In 1985, Mr. Self founded Allen Financial, a private investment firm, and in 1989, with three associates, established Tioga International, Inc., a diversified research, development, and manufacturing company. After achieving planned objectives, the group sold Tioga in 1999.

In 1997, Mr. Self was awarded a Distinguished Service Citation by the University of Kansas and the KU Alumni Association, the University’s highest honor. He received an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters and Science from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1998. The University of Kansas School of Engineering recognized Mr. Self’s contributions to the engineering profession and society by giving him its Distinguished Engineering Service Award in 2000.

Mr. Self has maintained a lifelong interest in education and leadership development. He is a past international president of the Young Presidents’ Organization, has served as chairman of the Chief Executives Organization, and was a founding member of the World Presidents’ Organization—professional associations that provide their members with opportunities for education and idea exchange. He also serves as a life trustee of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mrs. Self maintains an active interest in community organizations, family genealogy, and gardening. She has conducted extensive research on the work of R. Harold Zook, a noted Chicago area architect.

SELF FELLOWS

2009–2013

Erin E. Finley, geology; Paul A. Selden, mentor
Amy N. Hinkelman, molecular biosciences; Stephen H. Benedict, mentor
Amanda N. Renth, bioengineering; Carl W. Luchies, mentor
Leslie A. Smith, aerospace engineering; Saeed Farokhi, mentor

2008–2012

Sommer L. Amundsen, bioengineering; Carl W. Luchies, mentor
J. Paul Anglin, electrical engineering and computer science; James M. Stiles, mentor
Heather I. Eilers; civil, environmental, and architectural engineering; Thomas E. Glavinich and
Oswald Chong, mentors
Laci M. Gerhart, ecology and evolutionary biology; Joy K. Ward, mentor
Katrina M. Legursky, aerospace engineering; Richard D. Hale, mentor
Corinne E. Myers, geology; Bruce S. Lieberman, mentor
Griffin W. Roberts, chemical and petroleum engineering; Susan M. Williams, mentor
Clayton N. Wauneka, bioengineering; Wen Liu, mentor

2007–2011

D. Fernando Estrada, molecular biosciences; Roberto N. De Guzman, mentor
Steven N. Hart; pharmacology, toxicology, and therapeutics, KUMC; Xiao-bo Zhong, mentor
Talia T. Martin, pharmaceutical chemistry; Jennifer S. Laurence, mentor
Annalise M. Nawrocki, ecology and evolutionary biology; Pauly Cartwright, mentor
Sarah J. Pyszczynski, pharmaceutical chemistry; Eric J. Munson, mentor
Andrea Romero, ecology and evolutionary biology; Robert M. Timm, mentor
Peter C. Schillig, geology; John F. Devlin, mentor
Joshua O. Sestak, pharmaceutical chemistry; Cory J. Berkland, mentor
John E. Shelley; civil, environmental, and architectural engineering; Bruce M. McEnroe, mentor

2006–2010

Mark M. Bailey, bioengineering; Cory J. Berkland, mentor
Stephanie C. Bishop; pharmacology, toxicology, and therapeutics, KUMC; Bao Ting Zhu, mentor
Gary E. Brandt, medicinal chemistry; Brian S. J. Blagg, mentor
Natalie A. Ciaccio, pharmaceutical chemistry; Jennifer S. Laurence, mentor
Adam S. Duerfeldt, medicinal chemistry; Brian S. J. Blagg, mentor
Molly A. McVey, mechanical engineering; Carl W. Luchies, mentor
Cameron D. Siler, ecology and evolutionary biology; Rafe M. Brown, mentor

SOCIETY OF SELF FELLOWS

2006–2010

Jay F. Sarthy, molecular biosciences, 2006–2009; Michael H. Crawford, mentor

2005–2009

Martha M. Carletti, physiology, KUMC; Lane K. Christenson, mentor

Maria B. Thorson Feeney, pharmaceutical chemistry; Christian Schoeneich, mentor

Mary E. Krause, chemistry; Jennifer S. Laurence, mentor

Kristin N. Kaiser Lichti, pharmacology and toxicology; Jeffrey L. Staudinger, mentor

Brian F. Platt, geology; Stephen T. Hasiotis, mentor

Diana M. Sperger, pharmaceutical chemistry; Eric J. Munson, mentor

2004–2008

Robert T. Berendt II, pharmaceutical chemistry; Eric J. Munson, mentor

Chadd W. Clary, mechanical engineering; Lorin P. Maletsky, mentor

Megan S. Johnson, anatomy and cell biology, KUMC; Douglas R. Wright, mentor

Quinn G. Long, ecology and evolutionary biology; Kelly Kindscher, mentor

Joseph S. Soltys, mechanical engineering; Sara E. Wilson, mentor

Christopher M. Taylor, electrical engineering and computer science; Arvin Agah, mentor

2003–2007

Heather A. Amthauer, electrical engineering and computer science; Costas Tsatsoulis, mentor

M. Danielle Barker, chemistry; Joseph A. Heppert, mentor

Heather A. K. McLeod; civil, environmental, and architectural engineering; David Darwin and JoAnn Browning, mentors

Kristin E. Price, chemistry; Craig E. Lunte, mentor

2002–2006

Efugbaike U. Ajayi, American studies; William M. Tuttle Jr., mentor

Sophie E. Ambrose, speech/language/hearing; Marc E. Fey, mentor

Robin L. Aupperle, psychology; Douglas R. Denney, mentor

Bryce C. Baker, mechanical engineering; Terry N. Faddis, mentor

Shannon C. DeVaney, ecology and evolutionary biology; Edward O. Wiley, mentor

Erin C. Burger Dunn, chemistry; Jon A. Tunge, mentor

Jaime N. Gassmann, American studies; Brian L. Donovan, mentor

Scott A. Grecian, medicinal chemistry; Jeffrey Aubé, mentor

Joseph W. Lubach, pharmaceutical chemistry; Eric J. Munson, mentor

Timothy D. Nelson, clinical child psychology; Ric G. Steele Jr., mentor

Laura J. Peek, pharmaceutical chemistry; C. Russell Middaugh, mentor

Julie F. Sergeant, gerontology; David J. Ekerdt, mentor

Emily E. Stamey, history of art; David C. Cateforis, mentor

Oliver S. Zeltner, history; Jeffrey P. Moran, mentor

2001–2005

Carla J. Berg, psychology; C. Richard Snyder, mentor
M. Elizabeth Burns, psychology and research in education; James W. Lichtenberg, mentor
Monica S. Flask, social welfare; Marianne Berry, mentor
Carrie M. Hohl; civil, environmental, and architectural engineering; Dennis D. Lane, mentor
J. Erik Rytting, pharmaceutical chemistry; Kenneth L. Audus, mentor
Hal S. Shorey, psychology; C. Richard Snyder, mentor
Sarah L. Smiley, geography; Garth A. Myers, mentor
Alycia L. Stigall, geology, 2001–2004; Bruce S. Lieberman, mentor
Heather A. York, ecology and evolutionary biology; Robert M. Timm, mentor

2000–2004

Daniel A. Hoyt, English; Thomas D. Lorenz, mentor
Lon H. Mitchell, mathematics; William L. Paschke, mentor
Matthew E. Ramspott, geography; Kevin P. Price, mentor
Rachel L. Robson, pathology and laboratory medicine, KUMC; Rebecca T. Horvat, mentor
Lisa Castle Walker, ecology and evolutionary biology; Kelly Kindscher, mentor
Matthew K. Zart, chemistry; Andrew S. Borovik, mentor

1999–2003

Jennifer L. Austenfeld, psychology; Annette L. Stanton, mentor
Jason T. Botz, entomology; Catherine Loudon, mentor
Resha S. Cardone, Spanish and Portuguese; Katherine V. Unruh, mentor
Adrienne Harris, Slavic languages and literatures; Edith W. Clowes, mentor
Stephanie L. Krogmeier, pharmaceutical chemistry; Elizabeth M. Topp, mentor
Katie L. Lofton, political science; Philip A. Schrodtt, mentor
Adam A. Powell, psychology; C. Daniel Batson, mentor
Brian C. Thomas, physics and astronomy; Adrian L. Melott, mentor

1998–2002

Nathan C. Berg, economics, 1998–2001; D. Donald Lien, mentor
Bridgett K. Chapin, ecology and evolutionary biology; F. Jerry deNoyelles, mentor
Allyson Tubaugh Charbonnet, chemistry; Craig E. Lunte, mentor
Anna L. Clarke Carlson, ecology and evolutionary biology; Edward O. Wiley, mentor
Nathan A. Goodman, electrical engineering and computer science; James M. Stiles, mentor
Nancy I. Holcroft Benson, ecology and evolutionary biology; Edward O. Wiley, mentor
Christy M. McCain, ecology and evolutionary biology; Norman A. Slade and Robert M. Timm, mentors
Karen Beckman Pace, nursing; Carol E. Smith, mentor
Noel M. Rasor, American studies; Garth A. Myers and Norman R. Yetman, mentors
Carol E. Stotz, pharmaceutical chemistry; Elizabeth M. Topp, mentor
Charles R. Svoboda Jr., aerospace engineering; Jan Roskam and David R. Downing, mentors

1997–2001

Matt H. Ackermann, biochemistry and molecular biology, KUMC; Radhakris Padmanabhan, mentor

Richard W. Baldauf, civil and environmental engineering, 1997–2000; Dennis D. Lane, mentor

Oliver Komar, ecology and evolutionary biology; A. Townsend Peterson, mentor

Brian A. Lobo, pharmaceutical chemistry; C. Russell Middaugh, mentor

Sheldon J. Moss, pharmacology and toxicology; Stephen C. Fowler, mentor

Sarah A. Vickery, chemistry; Robert C. Dunn, mentor

Chris M. Wiethoff, pharmaceutical chemistry; C. Russell Middaugh, mentor

1996–2000

Amy C. Blackmarr, English; Elizabeth A. Schultz, mentor

Karl B. Brooks, history; Donald E. Worster, mentor

Jennifer Forsee Golden, medicinal chemistry; Jeffrey Aubé, mentor

Jill N. Story, speech/language/hearing; Diane F. Loeb, mentor

1995–1999

Cory C. Beard, electrical engineering; Victor S. Frost, mentor

Timothy J. Hubin, chemistry; Daryle H. Busch, mentor

Karyl B. Leggio, business, 1995–1998; Paul D. Koch, mentor

Julie R. Mach, pharmacology and toxicology; Elias K. Michaelis, mentor

Elizabeth F. Smith, entomology; Deborah Smith, mentor

Shari Baron Sokol, hearing and speech; Marc E. Fey, mentor

1991–1998

Christine L. Cameron, psychology, 1991–1995; Annette L. Stanton, mentor

Kristine E. Frank, medicinal chemistry, 1994–1998; Lester A. Mitscher and Jeffrey Aubé, mentors

Michael J. Handley, geography, 1991–1995; James R. Shortridge, mentor

Brian L. Miller, pharmaceutical chemistry, 1993–1997; Christian Schoeneich, mentor

Dana M. Price, ecology and evolutionary biology, 1992–1996; Kelly Kindscher, mentor

Andrew L. Vance, chemistry, 1993–1997; Daryle H. Busch, mentor

Kyle K. Wetzal, aerospace engineering, 1994–1995; Saeed Farokhi, mentor

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Sara T. Rosen, Dean of Graduate Studies

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Closed on state holidays.

Please notify Patty Dannenberg of any changes in your name, address, or mentor.

SELF GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Financial Support

The support for the 2009–2010 academic year is \$24,500. This includes \$22,000 in monthly disbursements and a one-time disbursement of \$2,500 for educational expenses. Monthly payments begin in July preceding fall classes and automatically continue throughout the four-year fellowship award period. The Comptroller's Office requests that fellows have their monthly payments deposited directly into a bank account. Monthly payments are normally issued by the State of Kansas between the 25th and 28th of each month. Fellows should allow several days for processing before funds are available in their accounts.

The \$2,500 educational allowance is provided for educational expenses as defined by the IRS. It is intended to cover non-ordinary educational expenses such as equipment, conferences, and other professional travel. The educational allowance is included with the monthly payment made in July.

Please note that fellowships are considered a financial aid resource.

Insurance

The Self Graduate Fellowship does not provide health insurance for Self Fellows. Fellows may find additional information at KU's Watkins Health Center website (www.studenthealth.ku.edu).

Campus Services

Fellows are encouraged to identify and use other University services and resources. Many of these can be found through the office of the Vice Provost for Student Success (www.vpss.ku.edu/).

Employment Status

Since services are not required as a Self Graduate Fellow, no employment relationship exists between Self Fellows and the University of Kansas. Thus, Self Fellows are not covered under the State of Kansas workers compensation fund and are not covered under the Kansas Tort Claims Act.

Tax Issues

Self Fellows should inform themselves early about IRS regulations regarding fellowships, and should consult tax advisors if they need assistance.

Please note that no tax is taken out of SGF payments. Depending on your own situation, you may be required to make estimated income payments to the IRS. State and federal taxes are due on all SGF payments.

The University of Kansas does not issue any documentation for the SGF financial support payments. This is in accordance with IRS guidelines, since fellowship recipients are not considered employees.

The SGF places no restrictions on the use of the monthly payments or educational allowance. The monthly payments and educational allowance are not tied to tuition payments. Tuition is paid separately by the SGF directly to the University.

Pertinent IRS publications include: Tax Topic 421, Scholarship and Fellowship Grants; 970 Tax Benefits for Education; Frequently Asked Questions: Scholarships; and Tax Information for Students: Taxable Income for Students. These publications are available at www.irs.gov.

Tax assistance is available from KU Legal Services (www.legalservices.ku.edu).

Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees are paid to the Comptroller for University of Kansas classes. The SGF pays full tuition and fees. Full tuition for these purposes is a maximum of 84 credit hours over the four-year fellowship period. Fellows who are not currently Kansas residents are encouraged to establish residency if eligible. The SGF pays for fall, spring, and summer tuition. The tuition payment cycle begins in the fall and ends in the summer.

Degree courses

The SGF expects fellows to enroll in classes that meet the departmental course requirements for the Ph.D. and/or are recommended by advisors for the course of study. Fellows must maintain full-time graduate enrollment (as defined by the academic department) until they pass the comprehensive oral examination for a doctoral degree. If fellows have questions about full-time enrollment at this stage, they should consult their advisors and departments.

After passing the comprehensive oral examination for a doctoral degree, fellows must be continuously enrolled, including summer sessions, until all requirements for the degree are completed (including the filing of the dissertation). During this time fellows must enroll for a minimum of 6 hours a semester and 3 hours a summer session until 18 post-comprehensive hours have been completed or all degree requirements have been fulfilled according to KU Graduate Studies policy. If, after 18 hours of post-comprehensive enrollment, the degree is not completed, fellows must continue to enroll each semester and each summer session until all degree requirements have been met. Degree programs may require additional hours of post-comprehensive enrollment. The number of hours of enrollment should reflect as accurately as possible the candidate's demand on faculty time and university facilities. Fellows in this situation should direct questions about enrollment hours to their advisors. If you have questions about full-time enrollment at this stage, please consult your graduate division.

Non-degree courses

The fellowship will pay tuition for courses needed to meet deficiencies or a foreign language requirement, or courses that are recommended by the fellow's advisor. The fellowship does not pay tuition for courses that do not meet departmental and/or school requirements for the Ph.D. Students should check with the SGF office prior to enrollment if they have questions.

Enrollment

Fellows are responsible for knowing KU enrollment policies. See www.registrar.ku.edu for more information.

Neither the SGF nor KU Graduate Studies sets any minimum enrollment requirements prior to the comprehensive oral exam.

A student enrolled in fewer than nine hours in the fall or spring, and a student not enrolled for the summer, would not violate any Graduate Studies policy. At this point the definition of full time is made by the department.

There is the possibility that a department or graduate division may have continuous or summer enrollment requirements. An example is a master's student within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who must be continuously enrolled after completion of the required coursework except for summer months unless it is the summer semester that the master's degree will be awarded.

The above rule for master's students would only be relevant to a Self Fellow who is earning a master's degree on his/her way to the doctoral degree.

Some students may want to check with the entities that hold undergraduate loans, or with other policy holders (health) that require full-time enrollment. The loan holder should specify enrollment requirements for the regular academic year and for the summer. In those situations, full time is nine hours, or six for those with a GTA or GRA appointment. For the summer, six hours would be full time, or three if the student holds a GTA or GRA appointment.

There are minimum enrollment guidelines after the student passes his/her comprehensive oral exam.

Late enrollment

The fellowship does not pay late enrollment fees. Students will be billed for late fees.

Dropping classes

Penalties for dropping classes begin on the first day of classes each semester. Fellows will be billed for costs associated with dropped classes.

Health Fees

The campus fees paid by the fellowship for full-time students cover the entire health fee for services at Watkins Health Center. The health fee is prorated for students not enrolled full time (in any semester, including the summer) and is only charged if the service is needed.

The Self Graduate Fellowship will reimburse fellows not enrolled full time for health fees incurred at Watkins Health Center. Because a fee is incurred only if a student needs Watkins Health Center services, SGF asks that fellows pay the fee and then provide the SGF office with the paid invoice (for the health fee only) for reimbursement.

Leave of Absence

Self Fellows may petition the SGF Board of Trustees for a leave of absence from the fellowship to pursue full-time professional activities related to the doctoral program and long-range professional goals. Leaves of absence also may be granted because of illness or other emergency. Ordinarily a leave of absence is granted for one semester or for one year. SGF financial support will be suspended during a leave of absence. The educational allowance and tuition and fee coverage may be suspended depending on the situation. During the leave the Self Fellow will not be required to participate in fellow development program activities.

Self Fellows who are granted a leave of absence will be expected to complete their four-year commitment to the SGF. Ordinarily this will be accomplished by adding a semester or a year to the initial four-year award period. During this time fellows will receive full support from the SGF, or the additional support not received during the leave, and will be required to participate fully in fellow development program activities.

Self Fellows who additionally wish to be granted an academic leave of absence must follow the regulations of their Graduate Division and KU Graduate Studies. Any petition to the SGF in the situation of academic leave must include a copy of the approval from the graduate division of the appropriate School/CLAS. Fellows should submit petitions to the SGF Board of Trustees after they have received approval from their graduate division.

Fellows should consult the SGF office in advance to determine when their inability to participate in the development program may require a leave from the SGF.

POLICIES ON ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT

In general, we believe that the Self Graduate Fellowship financial support should be sufficient to support a student, and therefore we discourage outside employment. Some academic departments require all graduate students to serve as teaching assistants, and we recognize the value of gaining teaching experience. Therefore, we permit two semesters of teaching while on fellowship support. Teaching during the summer is not included as one of the two semesters. In addition, some fellows have been permitted to hold research assistantships, which enhance the quality of their research.

Fellows may be able to identify other funding during their graduate education. These situations should be discussed as soon as possible with the SGF office in order to negotiate timing and funding issues. In most cases, the SGF must be the primary fellowship and Self Fellows may not hold other major KU fellowships. On a case-by-case basis, the SGF will consider delaying monthly payments and/or tuition payments to accommodate policies for some major external fellowships. Otherwise, we permit fellows to accept additional support as KU rules allow and provided there is no conflict with SGF participation. Fellows are expected to participate in SGF development activities for four consecutive years.

Teaching Assistantships

Self Fellows may accept a teaching assistantship for a maximum of two semesters during their tenure on fellowship support (unless special arrangements are made). Because most teaching assistantships include a tuition waiver, fellows should inform the Self Graduate Fellowship office as soon as a teaching position has been accepted so that we may adjust our tuition payment. In general, department awards are offered in the spring for assistantships commencing in the fall.

Research Assistantships

A fellow may accept a research assistantship provided the work being performed is directly related to his or her doctoral research as verified by the fellow's advisor.

Department Fellowships

Fellows may accept department fellowships in addition to the Self Graduate Fellowship support, provided the award is in compliance with KU Graduate Studies policy on supplemental support. These situations should be discussed as soon as possible with the SGF office in order to negotiate timing and funding issues.

External Fellowships and Training Grants

Most external fellowships and training grants (e.g., National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health) have restrictions regarding additional funding. These situations should be discussed as soon as possible with the SGF office in order to negotiate timing and funding issues.

Outside Employment

Fellows are discouraged from accepting outside employment unrelated to their Ph.D. programs during their tenure on Self Graduate Fellowship support.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Fellows are expected to enroll in fall and spring semesters while completing their coursework, and to make reasonable academic progress toward their degrees. Fellows should follow KU Graduate Studies and department guidelines concerning enrollment. Fellows are expected to complete an academic progress report and submit it to the SGF office by May 20 each year. (**See Appendix.**)

RECRUITING SELF FELLOWS

The Self Graduate Fellowship assists the University of Kansas in efforts to recruit talented prospective Ph.D. students. The recruitment goal is to ensure a strong pool of exceptionally well-qualified candidates is available from which to select new Self Fellows. In collaboration with eligible departments and schools, we proactively identify and recruit prospective fellows. Efforts are ongoing to expand and increase awareness of the Self Graduate Fellowship and graduate

education at the University of Kansas. Departments make admissions decisions after students have been admitted by KU Graduate Studies, and then identify those students who possess the attributes of a Self Fellow for nomination. First-year Ph.D. students may also be nominated.

SELECTING SELF FELLOWS

After academic departments and schools nominate applicants for Self Graduate Fellowships, a faculty evaluation committee, SGF staff, and the SGF Board of Trustees review and rank the nominations. Selected nominees are invited for a campus visit to meet department representatives and interview with the SGF interview team. The SGF Board of Trustees considers evaluation and interview results to select the awardees.

Interviews take place in late February or early March and awards are offered in late March. KU follows the Council of Graduate Schools' resolution to honor fellowship offers through April 15.

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 their preparation for future leadership roles, complementing the specialized education and training provided in Ph.D. programs.

Commitment

Acceptance of the Self Graduate Fellowship includes a firm commitment to actively participate in the Fellow Development Program, along with a desire to learn and develop leadership skills. Fellows are expected to participate in the Fellow Development Program for four consecutive years. If an individual completes the requirements for a Ph.D. in fewer than four years, there is no penalty. He or she then becomes a permanent member of the Society of Self Fellows. The development program time commitment is approximately 80 hours each year, plus preparation and travel time.

A schedule of events for the academic year is provided in August each year to allow fellows to avoid scheduling conflicts. Attendance at the skill sessions, lectures, and communication coaching sessions is required. Attendance at luncheons is expected, unless scheduled in conflict with a required class. Fellows should notify the SGF office of any class conflicts.

Skill Sessions usually are held before the fall and spring semesters, during the last full week before the week that KU classes begin. For planning purposes, assume the skill sessions are five days long; the actual program schedule and length will be provided to Self Fellows as early as possible. The dates for 2009–2010 SGF skill sessions are: Fall, August 10–14, 2009; Spring, January 4–8, 2010.

The KU academic calendar is available online at <http://www.registrar.ku.edu/calendar/>.

The *Fall Symposium*, usually scheduled in November, features a speaker on a public policy issue suggested by the Self Fellows. A member of the Society of Self Fellows is selected to speak at the *Spring Symposium*, usually scheduled in March.

Communication coaching sessions are held during the skill sessions and may continue into the following semester.

Luncheons usually are held on Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m.–2:00 p.m., four or five times each semester.

Communication

Program changes may be made on short notice and notification sent only by e-mail. Please check your e-mail messages regularly.

SOCIETY OF SELF FELLOWS

The Society of Self Fellows (SSF), the Self Fellows' alumni association, was envisioned by Mr. and Mrs. Self at the time the fellowship was established. The SSF began formal activities in 2000, with 17 alumni. This year there are 89 SSF members. The first Board of Governors was appointed in 1999, and the elections for new governors are held each spring.

Self Fellows become associate members of the SSF when they complete their four years of fellowship support. Upon conferral of the Ph.D. degree, associate members become lifetime members.

The SSF offers opportunities for former fellows to stay in touch with the fellowship program as well as with their former classmates. SSF members have the opportunity to serve the fellowship by assisting in recruitment of new fellows, and by sharing their academic and professional experiences with current fellows.

Society of Self Fellows, Board of Governors, 2009–2010

Dan Hoyt, President (Term: 2006–2009)

Karyl Leggio (Term: 2009–2012)

Adam Powell, Vice President (Term: 2007–2010)

Lisa Castle Walker (Term: 2008–2011)



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Name _____ Date _____

You may continue your responses on additional pages.

1. **Departmental coursework requirements.** Are you fulfilling all departmental coursework requirements? How many credit hours of required coursework are still to be completed? What other progress have you made toward your Ph.D.? (Master's degree, comprehensive oral exam.)

2. **Research and professional activities.** Please describe your current research. Also list any publications, presentations, and attendance at national or international meetings.

3. **Awards and patents.** If you have received any awards, patents, or other recognition for your work, please explain.

4. **Mentor interaction.** Please comment on the nature and quality of your interactions with your mentor. Please also note your current mentor's name.

5. **Degree completion date.** When do you anticipate receiving your Ph.D.?

6. **Please comment on your progress toward your professional and SGF goals and vision.**

7. **I plan to continue as a Self Fellow in 2010/2011.** Yes No
Please provide a tentative list of courses for each semester, with credit hours, and include any plans for being either a GTA or GRA.

This form must be received by May 20, 2010, in order for next year's monthly payments to be requested. Please return to Self Graduate Fellowship, 1450 Jayhawk Boulevard, 222 Strong Hall, Lawrence, KS 66045-7594. You may also submit it electronically to: pdannenber@ku.edu. (If submitting electronically, please use Microsoft Word or copy the form directly on your email message.)