Self Graduate Fellowship, 2016-2017

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 Graduate Fellows for 2016-2017 will receive $30,000 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 $165,000. The 30 current Self Graduate Fellows are among 160 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.selfgraduate.ku.edu

Fields of Study

Business

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, Computational Biology, 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 Graduate 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