The Madison and Lila Self Graduate Fellowship offers a special opportunity for students pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Kansas. The fellowship seeks students with attributes that will put them on track to make a difference in the world and in their professions.

Self Graduate Fellows for 2022–2023 will receive $34,000 each year for four years. Payment is through appointment as a graduate research assistant. The fellowship covers tuition, fees, and the employer’s share of student health insurance costs. Over the four years, fellows have access to a $5,500 professional development award. All fellows also participate in the Fellow Development Program. The total value of the four-year doctoral fellowship exceeds $200,000.

The Fellow Development Program is a distinctive feature of the fellowship. It provides education and training in communication, management, innovation, leadership, and policy to assist fellows in their preparation for future leadership roles, complementing the specialized education and training provided in Ph.D. programs.

This year 40 fellows are pursuing 22 Ph.D.'s in five schools at the University of Kansas. The current fellows are among 220 students who have benefited from the fellowship since it was established in 1989.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (15)
- Atmospheric Science (1)
- Chemistry (4)
- Computational Biology (1)
- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (3)
- Economics (2)
- Geology (2)
- Molecular Biosciences (1)
- Physics and Astronomy (1)

School of Engineering (15)
- Aerospace Engineering (3)
- Bioengineering (5)
- Chemical and Petroleum Engineering (1)
- Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering (2)
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (2)
- Mechanical Engineering (2)

School of Medicine (KU Medical Center) (7)
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (1)
- Cell Biology and Physiology (1)
- Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences (1)
- Microbiology, Molecular Genetics, and Immunology (1)
- Molecular and Integrative Physiology (1)
- Neuroscience (2)

School of Pharmacy (3)
- Medicinal Chemistry (1)
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry (2)

The 40 current Self Graduate Fellows hold undergraduate and graduate degrees from 32 colleges and universities in 17 U.S. states, and one U.S. Territory.

Bucknell University
Butler University
Case Western Reserve University
Colorado College
Florida Institute of Technology
Haskell Indian Nations University
Humboldt State University
Hunter College
Kansas State University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
North Carolina State University
Northern Illinois University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Rice University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Southwest Baptist University
U.S. Military Academy at West Point
University of California, San Diego
University of Central Arkansas
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Delaware
University of Kansas
University of Missouri
University of Missouri-Kansas City
University of New Mexico-Albuquerque
University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
University of Texas at Austin University
University of Texas at Tyler University of Wisconsin-Madison Washburn
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Wichita State University