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.

The total value of the four-year doctoral fellowship exceeds $200,000. Self Graduate Fellows for 2023–2024 will receive $34,850 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, $5,000 start-up award (year 1), and a $1,000 textbook and technology award (years 2,3,4). All fellows also participate in the Fellow Development Program.

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 41 fellows are pursuing 20 Ph.D.’s in five schools at the University of Kansas. The current fellows are among 224 students who have benefited from the fellowship since it was established in 1989.

**College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (18)**
- Atmospheric Science (2)  
- Chemistry (5)  
- Computational Biology (1)  
- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (2)  
- Economics (1)  
- Geology (3)  
- Molecular Biosciences (2)  
- Physics and Astronomy (2)

**School of Medicine (KU Medical Center) (10)**
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (2)  
- Cell Biology and Physiology (2)  
- Microbiology, Molecular Genetics, and Immunology (1)  
- Molecular and Integrative Physiology (1)  
- Neuroscience (4)

**School of Pharmacy (3)**
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry (3)

**School of Engineering (9)**
- Aerospace Engineering (3)  
- Bioengineering (2)  
- Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering (2)  
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (1)  
- Mechanical Engineering (1)

**School of Business (1)**
- Accounting (1)

The 41 current Self Graduate Fellows hold undergraduate and graduate degrees from 28 colleges and universities in 14 U.S. states, and one U.S. Territory.

- Butler University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Central Washington University
- Colorado College
- College of Saint Benedict
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Fort Lewis College
- Haskell Indian Nations University
- Humboldt State University
- Kansas State University
- Northern Illinois University
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- MidAmerica Nazarene University
- Rice University
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- University of Arkansas
- University of California, San Diego
- University of Central Arkansas
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- University of Missouri
- University of Missouri-Kansas City
- University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Wheaton College
- Wichita State University
- William Jewell College