

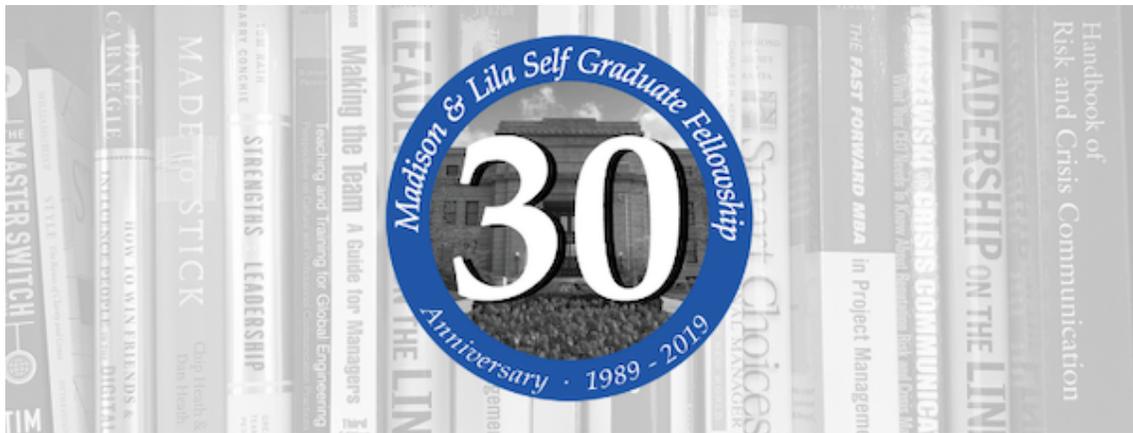
Pro Tip: A New Home for the Self Memorial Scholarship

Madison and Lila Self

Madison and Lila Self were visionary leaders who redefined what it means to invest in the future. They were deeply motivated to develop young leaders, launching and permanently endowing several leadership programs found on campus today. Their legacy of generosity and dedication to KU is exemplified in the [graduate](#) and [undergraduate](#) students who have benefitted from the [fellowships](#), [scholarships](#), [residence halls](#), and [computing centers](#) that share the Self name, showcasing the powerful impact of one couple's altruism.

The Self Graduate Fellowship

The Self Graduate Fellowship (SGF) is KU's flagship Self program, providing financial support and professional development opportunities for promising graduate student leaders since 1989. This year marks SGF's 30th anniversary. The program began with only two students and has grown to support the [42 current Self Graduate Fellows](#). Over the course of 30 years, SGF has supported nearly [200 doctoral students](#).



The Self Memorial Scholarship

Before Madison and Lila Self passed in 2013, they envisioned a new program that would support KU undergraduates who wanted to continue their graduate education at KU. This year, the Self Graduate Fellowship Department has taken responsibility for administering the newly renamed Madison and Lila Self Memorial Scholarship. Originally established as the Madison and Lila Self Graduating Senior Fellowship, the program has been revised to simplify its accessibility for students. Going forward, students will apply directly rather than being required to secure a departmental nomination.

The Self Memorial Scholarship is a merit-based scholarship that recognizes outstanding undergraduates from KU who will immediately begin the first year of a master's or doctoral degree program at KU. This scholarship award provides each recipient with \$10,000 for their first year of graduate study, as well as a robust, year-long scholar development program.

Please Help Spread the Word!

Grad Students Rising

Nathan Jenkins, KU doctoral student in Computational Biology (Vakser lab), has research showcased on the cover of the prestigious journal "Current Opinion in Structural Biology" (April 2019), [Macromolecular Assemblies](#).

Graduate Alumni: Above and Beyond

[Dave Ross](#), president and owner of David E. Ross Construction in Kansas City, was honored in May with KU's Distinguished Engineering Service Award.

[Rusty Monhollon](#) in July became president and executive director of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

[Phil Buttell](#) in June was named CEO of Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park.

The Self Memorial Scholarship accepts students from all master's and doctoral programs across campus and is available to domestic and international students. For more details on eligibility and application requirements, visit the "[Self Memorial Scholarship](#)" tab on the SGF website. (Please note: the eligibility requirements are different between the Self Graduate Fellowship and the Self Memorial Scholarship.)

The 2019-2020 Self Memorial Scholars

- Maja Abouodah, Master's of Accounting, School of Business
- Corbin Allenbrand, Doctor of Philosophy in Decision Sciences, School of Business
- Aaron Barrett, Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Mary Duncan, Master's of Bioengineering, School of Engineering
- Christian Espinosa, Master's of Social Work, School of Social Welfare
- Steffan Green, Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, School of Engineering



Please support 3MT®!

KU's second edition of the internationally-renowned Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) competition will begin on **Thursday, October 24th, 2019**. This global event highlights graduate student research, giving students the chance to explain to the Lawrence community just what they do in three minutes or less.

Those who do the best job explaining their research effectively and engagingly to non-experts will win cash prizes and Sigma Xi memberships. The first-place winner also gets to represent KU at the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools' regional 3MT® competition in Milwaukee, WI on April 1st through 3rd, 2020. Travel, lodging, and expenses will be paid by KU.

Application submissions will be accepted [online](#) until Monday, October 14th. Additional information about the competition is provided on our [website](#). Please contact the [Office of Graduate Studies](#) with any questions.

Please Note: Students do not need to have their materials prepared until October 24th. We just need to know by the 14th if they would like to participate. Fields like "thesis title" in the registration form are optional; they can be used to indicate a general topic.

For more, see the Alumni Association's [Kansas Alumni Magazine](#).

Exciting News, Save the Date!

[School of Music Honors Recital: October 29, 2019](#)

This recital in Swarthout Recital Hall showcases the School of Music's most talented graduate student performers. The event is free and open to the public.

[Self Memorial Scholarship Application Deadline: March 23, 2020](#)

All submissions will be a [student application](#) that can be found on the SGF website in the spring. Departments will NOT be required to submit student nominations. Interested students can check out the [newly renovated website](#), where the Prospect Students tab allows easy program comparison.

