

SELF PROGRAM APPLICATION STEPS FOR FRESHMEN ENTERING IN FALL 2018

- 1. If you have already applied to the SELF Program via the KU Admissions Application, you need not apply again.**
- Identify **three** appropriate individuals to submit a recommendation on your behalf. References must know you in a professional or educational manner (i.e. teacher, counselor, coach, principal, employer) and be able to evaluate you on your performance **outside the classroom**. Family members should not serve as references.
- Submit a Reference Request Form for your **three references** on our website: <https://engr.ku.edu/self-program-reference-request-form>. Once this form is submitted, your references should immediately receive an e-mail with instructions on how to submit an online recommendation. **It is your responsibility to ensure that your references receive that e-mail and submit their recommendation on or before November 1, 2017, for priority consideration. Final deadline is December 1, 2017.**
- Write a **Personal Statement** (no more than 500 words) by responding to this prompt:
 - The SELF Program's primary goal is to develop passionate future engineering leaders in business, industry, and entrepreneurship. Keeping that in mind, tell us why you are interested in becoming a SELF Fellow and what you feel you would contribute.*
- In 500 words or less, answer the **short essay question**:
 - Tell us about your biggest failure and what you learned from it.*
- Submit a **one-page résumé that does not include academic accomplishments** (GPA, class rank, standardized test scores, AP coursework, transfer credit, etc) and instead focuses on involvement and achievements outside the classroom. The review committee does not consider academic qualifications in this selection process. We strongly suggest you upload your resume as a PDF. If your word processing software does not offer PDF creation as an option, you may convert a document to PDF at <http://www.freepdfconvert.com/>. **Résumés** that are more than one page will have additional pages removed.
- Visit the online application website (<https://engr.ku.edu/self-program-application-freshmen>) and upload completed personal materials (personal statement, answer to the short essay question, and resume). It is anticipated that the online application process will take 10 minutes, once all materials are ready to upload. Please upload your resume as a PDF, and do not use special characters in your resume file name. The remaining portions of your application (short essay and personal statement) will be submitted in a text box. You may either type your submissions directly into the text boxes, or you may copy and paste them from a word processing program into the online form. **Do not begin this part of the online application until materials are ready to upload. You may not save an unfinished application.**

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all application materials and recommendations have been submitted on or before November 1, 2017, for priority consideration. Final deadline is December 1, 2017.

Applicants will receive a confirmation e-mail after submitting the application. Due to the volume of applications received, program administrators may not be able to provide further confirmation of receipt of the online application and recommendations. If you have questions about the application process, please contact Adam Smith, adam.smith@ku.edu or (785) 864-7858.



SELF PROGRAM CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The SELF Program strives to develop goal-oriented engineering and computing graduates who possess the business, interpersonal and entrepreneurial skills to guide the technology corporations of tomorrow.

1. Prospective students (incoming freshmen) must be eligible for admission to the KU School of Engineering.
2. Complete and submit all application materials by the November 1, 2017, deadline for priority review. Final deadline is December 1, 2017.
3. Applicants give permission to the selection committee to review all application materials and contact references.
4. Applicants must be willing to visit the campus and participate in interviews and other assessment methods employed as part of the selection process in early February 2018.
5. Applicants understand and accept the [responsibilities as a SELF Fellow](#).

In the student's application, the committee will look for evidence of:

1. Leadership activities, as evidenced through participation in school or community organizations,
2. Extracurricular achievements (student projects, volunteering, study abroad, athletics, internships, etc.) that speak to a student's potential to meet the vision of the SELF Program,
3. A defined and clear commitment to pursue a career in engineering,
4. The student's attributes and leadership experiences as shown through recommendations.

Applications and recommendation forms and answers must be submitted on or before November 1, 2017, for priority review. Final deadline is December 1, 2017. Strong candidates will be invited to interviews with committee members in early February 2018. Following interviews, about 30 students will be chosen to take part in the SELF Program at the start of the fall semester. All applicants will be notified of their status by the end of February 2018.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Madison A. and Lila Self Engineering Leadership Fellows Program (the "SELF Program") is to develop passionate engineering and computer science graduates who are strongly goal-oriented and who bring the business skills and vision needed to guide the technology-based corporations of tomorrow. The SELF Program will recruit, select and financially support students at the University of Kansas and administer to them an ongoing four-year personal development program that leads to a continuing supply of exceptional graduates at the bachelor of science level.

By active participation in the program, the students will expand and refine their leadership, managerial, business, interpersonal, entrepreneurial, communication and engineering skills through mentoring, coursework, seminars and leadership opportunities. Graduates from the SELF Program will possess the personal attributes needed to become effective leaders who are motivated to make a real difference during their careers.

The SELF Program was made possible through a generous donation to the KU Endowment by Madison A. and Lila Self. The Selfs established the program with the intent that it makes a difference in the lives of students who will then rise to make a notable difference in the world. Madison "Al" Self was a 1943 KU chemical engineering graduate, successful businessman and recipient of the School of Engineering's Distinguished Engineering Service Award in 2000. The Selfs, native Kansans who met at KU, were long time and generous supporters of the university. Both passed away in 2013.