KU SELF ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP FELLOWS
The University of Kansas

SELF Program Application Steps for
Current Engineering Students Applying in Spring 2025

1. Identify an individual to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf. The individual should know the applicant in a professional and/or educational manner (e.g., supervisor, professor, advisor, mentor) and be able to evaluate the applicant on their performance **relevant to the goals and purpose of the SELF Program beyond the academic requirements of their courses.** Family members of applicants should not serve as references.

2. Submit the Reference Request Form for your reference on our website: [SELF Program Reference Request Form](). Once this form is submitted, your reference should immediately receive an e-mail with instructions on how to submit their letter. **It is your responsibility to ensure that your reference receives that e-mail and submits their letter on or before February 1, 2025.**

3. Write answers to the following **three essays**, each answered in 500 words or less:

    I. Please share with us why you are applying to the SELF Program, including describing your short- and long-term career goals and discussing how you see the SELF Program helping you achieve your goals.

    II. The University of Kansas and the SELF Program cultivate visionaries who contribute to local and global communities. Discuss your passion and your ideas to apply that passion to contribute to a community.

    III. Give an example of a time when you worked on a team outside of an academic course. What was the team aiming to accomplish? What was your role on the team? Describe the team dynamics and what contributed to these dynamics – positives and negatives, as applicable. What did you learn about yourself through the experience?

4. Upload a PDF copy of your **one-page résumé that does not include academic accomplishments** (do not include: GPA, class rank, standardized test scores, AP coursework, transfer credit, etc.). The one-page résumé should focus on involvement and achievements outside the classroom, particularly as they demonstrate aptitude and engagement in the seven pillars of the SELF Program. The review committee does not consider academic qualifications beyond the requirement of a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

5. Visit the online application ([SELF Current Engineering Student Application Form]()) and upload completed application materials. Please upload your resume as a PDF. The remaining portion of your application (short essays) will be submitted in text boxes. We recommend you to first type out your essay responses in a separate document, double check formatting and grammar, and then copy/paste the responses 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.**

In order to be eligible for this application process, applicants must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA, be a current freshmen or sophomore by credit hours in the School of Engineering at KU, and have at least two academic years remaining at KU within their engineering degree after the Spring 2025 semester. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all application materials have been submitted on or before February 1, 2025. Late submissions of applications or references will not be reviewed.

Please contact [engrself@ku.edu]() with any questions about the application process.