The Legacy of Al & Lila Self

The SELF Program began in 2007 after a generous donation to KU Endowment from Madison “Al” Self and Lila Self. The purpose of the SELF Program is to develop the next generation of leaders in engineering. After attending KU, Al started several successful technology-based companies. He recognized that one key to this success was to develop engineers into business leaders within the companies. Al and Lila each passed away in 2013. Their lifetime giving to KU totals more than $108 million.

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How to Apply
High school students applying to KU and the School of Engineering have the opportunity to apply to the SELF Program. Alternatively, students can apply to the SELF Program as a sophomore and join the program prior to their junior year.

Application Deadline
December 1

Interviews Take Place
Late January

The SELF Program is an engineering leadership development program designed to create the next generation of leaders. Fellows encounter numerous leadership experiences and opportunities. The program will prepare accepted Fellows to grow as passionate leaders who are focused on the intersection of technology and business.

THE SEVEN PILLARS OF THE SELF PROGRAM

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Self Engineering Leadership Fellows Program
I was able to explore the professional paths that interested me while feeling fully supported by my advisors, allowing me to carve out a niche at KU and beyond. Most importantly, SELF provided a community of peers that helped me expand my horizons and challenge myself.

— Sandhya Ravikumar, 2022 SELF Fellow