

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As the world increasingly faced new and complex risks, Kansas State University founded a multi-college, risk-focused center in 2013. Today, the [K-State Risk Management Center](#) (RMC) advances risk management skills and knowledge by engaging students and industry partners in innovative education and research through the Risk Management Fellows program. The center effectively trains students about how to optimize risks to accomplish present goals and to be prepared to solve problems that don't yet exist.

PRIORITIES

The K-State RMC's priorities center on achieving maximum value for the students participating in its Risk Management Fellows program and the industry partners supporting the center's work.

Provide value for participating students

- Expand career-relevant educational programming
- Maintain student diversity for multidisciplinary learning
- Provide career advisory services
- Fund graduate student research assistantships
- Enable student interaction with industry



Create value for industry partners

- Offer priority access to qualified and impactful graduates
- Build information pipeline from partners to RMC to students
- Grow brand awareness on campus
- Invest in original research to yield powerful IP
- Customize executive education in sector-specific risk management

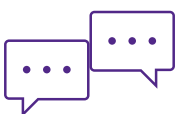
DIFFERENTIATORS

The K-State RMC trains the next generation about how to optimize risk to accomplish goals. A one-of-a-kind center, RMC has three elements that differentiate it from other risk training programs.



Interdisciplinary

Students from more than 20 degree programs participate in a risk fellows cohort. They see firsthand how considering multiple perspectives improves risk management.



Engaged

Through on-campus seminars and company site visits, industry leaders share risk- and career-related lessons and advice. Fellows engage by asking questions and driving conversations.



Experiential

Fellows learn through experiences. Their risk training takes shape through academic courses, extracurriculars, linkages to industry and team projects. Ask us about the annual Risk Camp.

RISK MANAGEMENT FELLOWS ACTIVITIES

Through on-campus seminars and company site visits, student-fellows gain risk- and career-related lessons and advice from industry leaders.

Chicago 2024 Experience

- Aon
- CF Industries
- CME Group
- EY
- Northwestern University
- Rabobank
- StoneX
- The Applied Research Company

Spring 2025 Seminar Speakers

- **Jerrold Westfahl**, CEO at Innovative Livestock Services
- **Jason Smith**, CEO at Rainbow Communications
- **Sara Girard**, CEO at Central National Bank
- **Kevin Lockett**, partner and CFO at Fulcrum Global Capital
- **Dave Dreiling**, entrepreneur and CEO at Booth Creek Wagyu

Northwest Arkansas 2025 Experience

Co-coordinated by Industrial Manufacturing System Engineering Department

- J.B. Hunt
- Walmart

Omaha 2025 Experience

- **Jason Steffes**, **Marty Hoefer** and **Rex Earl**, Farm Credit Services of America
- **Tyler Neff**, Scoular
- **Alex Gerdes**, BALANCE4WARD
- **Amy Patterson**, president at Petsource
- **TJ Wilson**, Frontier Farm Credit

Washington, D.C., 2025 Experience

Eight RMC student-fellows joined the Flinchbaugh food and ag policy fellows in April. They engaged with the following individuals and organizations:

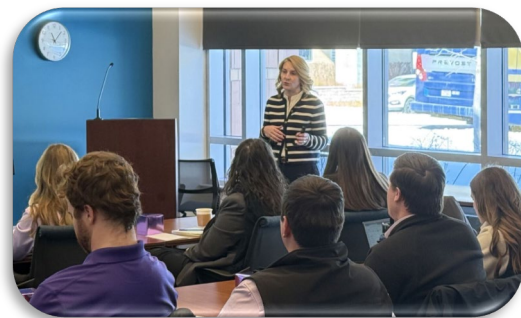
- National Milk Producers Federation
- Congressional offices
- U.S. Grains Council
- American Farm Bureau
- Yum! Brands

Denver 2025 Experience

- **Brett Fox**, Phillips 66
- **Shrene White** and **Andrea Sorg**, Ardent Mills
- **Scott Asbury**, Voyager Technologies
- **Sydney Henry**, Google
- **Mary Kurzweil**, CattleFax
- **Nathan Ramsey**, FTI Consulting
- **Boris Martin**, Engineers without Borders
- **Teri Viswanath**, CoBank
- **Randy Blach**, CEO at CattleFax



Engaged



RISK CAMP

Risk Management Fellows return to campus a week before the spring semester begins to participate in Risk Camp. During the weeklong program, invited speakers lead short training workshops to introduce fellows to data visualization, risk evaluation and other topics. Plus, in small groups, fellows collaborate on risk-focused applied research projects for industry clients.

2025 Workshop Speakers

- Value at risk, **Reagan Irvin** and **Halley Jones**, Koch
- Power BI, **Joe Parcell**, and Upwork, **Alice Roach**

2025 Applied Research Project Topics

- Commodity futures trends, **Rabobank**
- Manure value formula, **Innovative Livestock Services**
- Government payments and equipment sales, **Purple Wave**
- Weather and equipment sales, **Purple Wave**
- Positive Pay product, **Equity Bank**
- Climate risk disclosures, **Frontier Farm Credit**
- Sustainable aviation fuel tax credit, **CME Group**
- Soybean oil biofuel policy, **StoneX**



Experiential



INDEPENDENT LEARNING

To produce career-ready graduates, the K-State RMC offers student-fellows a comprehensive view of risk. It encourages students to enhance their education beyond RMC-scheduled activities, and it offsets expenses associated with other resources, experiences or tuition that reinforce risk training.

CURRENT PARTNERS

Corporate and individual partners financially support the K-State RMC and its programming.

Founders Level

Greg and Mamie Case

- Lee Borck and Jackie Hartman Borck

Executive Level Partners

StoneX • CME Group • BNSF Railway • Rabo AgriFinance

Strategic Level Partners

Farm Credit Services of America (Frontier Farm Credit) • ILSBeef • Koch Inc.

Priority Level Partners

Bartlett • Royal Farms Dairy • Scoular

Access Level Partners

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IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES

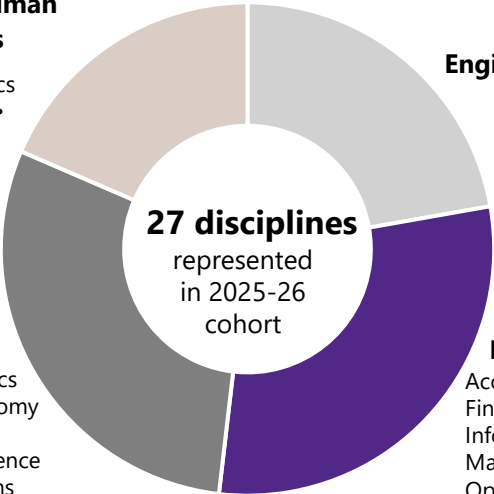
2025-26 Risk Fellows Cohort Degree Programs

Arts & Sciences and Health & Human Sciences

Actuarial Mathematics • Economics • Math • Statistics & Data Science • Security Studies

Agriculture & Vet Medicine

Agribusiness • Agricultural Economics BS, MS, PhD • Agronomy • Animal Sciences & Industry • Bakery Science • Global Food Systems Leadership • Milling Science • Master of Public Health



Engineering

Ag Tech Management • Civil • Computer Science • Cybersecurity • Electrical • Industrial

Business

Accounting • Data Analytics • Finance • Management Information Systems • Marketing • MBA • Operations & Supply Chain • Professional Strategic Selling



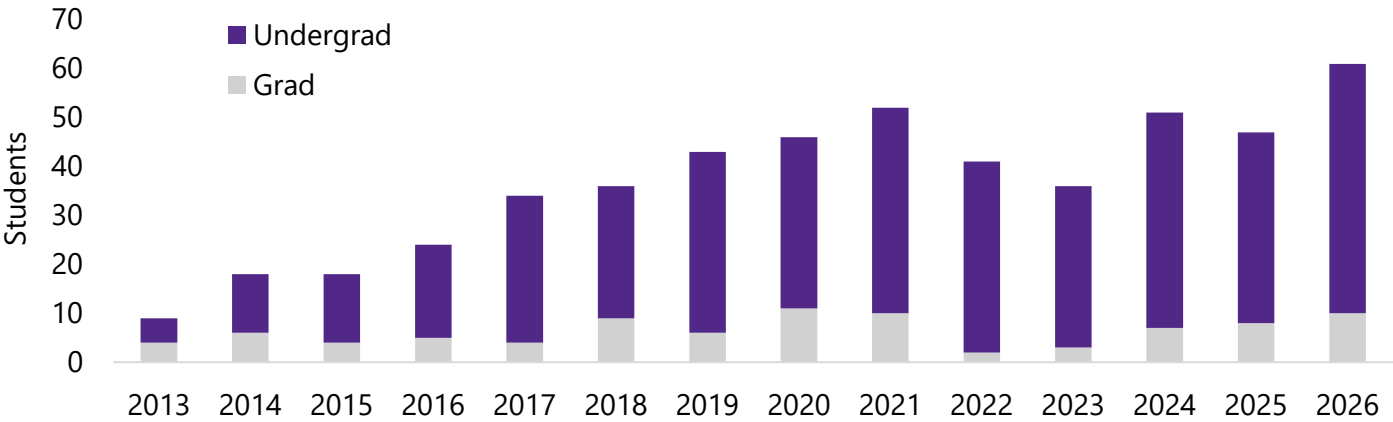
Interdisciplinary

Investing in Fellows

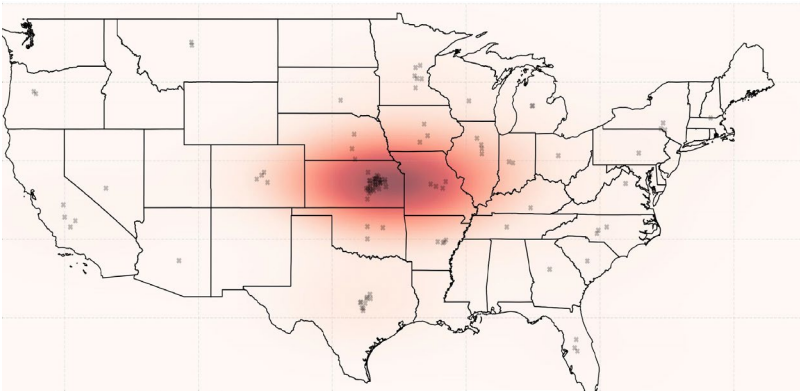
To ensure the fellowship experience offers value for fellows to pursue their passions and enhance their K-State experience, fellows are awarded a package that includes the following:

- ChatGPT subscription
- Dress shirt
- Luggage
- Business cards
- Name tags

Risk Fellows Participation History by Cohort End Date



Risk Fellows Alumni Network Map



Common RMC Alumni Careers

Commodity trader	Consultant
Engineer (various)	Credit analyst
Financial analyst	Professional degree
Information security	Lender/loan analyst
Logistics optimization analyst	Marketer
Operations manager	Risk management consultant
Data analyst	Supply chain manager
Trading analyst	