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1. **What research projects are you working on?**
   "I recently got involved in a project to assemble radar for KU’s UAV (the Meridian). This radar is a multi-channel radar, and, if everything goes as expected, by next year it will be mounted on the UAV and will have “eyes” so that it can detect other objects approaching it during flight."

2. **Why did you choose KU for your graduate program in engineering?**
   "I came to KU five years ago to start my undergraduate studies and over the years became involved in various projects that tested the knowledge I learned in class and my ability to find solutions to the problems presented. I believe there are very few places across the country where you can be tested to that extent and still be at a place where school is affordable; classmates, professors and staff are friendly and helpful; and you are in a town that has a great vibe and exciting things to do. Those years of great experiences made it easy for me to choose KU for the next two years of my life."

3. **What one piece of advice would you give to a prospective student interested in graduate study in your program?**
   "Get to know your professors. Whenever you can, spend time with them. Go to their office hours…if not to ask questions about an assignment, maybe just to chat for a little bit. As an undergrad, it might be sufficient to just focus in class, but as a graduate student, you will find it helpful to know what kind of research projects the professors are involved in and their future plans, because they can even help model what you are interested in."

4. **What is one thing that everyone should know about Kansas?**
   "Learn to check the weather before you leave your apartment. I am from Brazil, a place where it is always hot, so it was very hard for me to adapt to the weather here. I was caught multiple times during my first years here wearing a sweater when it was 85 outside, or shorts and flip flops when it suddenly started snowing."

5. **What is your favorite thing about Lawrence, KS?**
   "I would have to say Mass St. There is always something going on there: a festival, an art display, bars and a variety of restaurant with food from all over the world. Even if you just want to go for a walk, there are some really unique places where you can get an ice cream or some coffee to go with it."

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