If you are passionate about teaching high school math and science and dedicated to challenging and supporting all students, the KSTF Teaching Fellowship could help you succeed in ways you’ve never imagined.

KSTF supports passionate, dedicated teachers to thrive in the profession, lead from the classroom and become change agents in education. The KSTF five-year fellowship, one of the most generous and comprehensive professional development programs for STEM teachers, provides its fellows access to a close, collaborative community of like-minded colleagues.

The KSTF Teaching Fellowships are awarded annually to individuals who are committed to teaching science and/or mathematics in a U.S. high school. In selecting the Fellows, KSTF assesses depth and breadth of the applicant’s content knowledge, their potential to develop exemplary teaching practices and their ability to cultivate their leadership skills to become teacher leaders.

ELIGIBILITY:
KSTF Science and Mathematics Teaching Fellows are chosen from among individuals who have earned or are in the process of earning a degree in a discipline related to the science or math subject(s) they intend to teach. Fellowships are intended for individuals committed to teaching high school mathematics, physical sciences or biological sciences.

KSTF is seeking individuals who have outstanding and current content knowledge; thus applicants should have a recent content degree (typically within the last 5-10 years). We are also seeking candidates who have the capacity and determination to commit to teaching as their primary career; the fellowship is not intended for those who have previously established a career (typically more than 5-10 years) in another field.

The KSTF Teaching Fellowship is intended to support beginning high school science and math teachers. Individuals who have recently earned a secondary teaching credential (no earlier than January 1, 2013) or will earn their credential no later than September 1, 2014 are eligible to apply.

Applications for the 2014 fellowship will open on April 30, 2013. Please check our website in April for more information.

If you are not sure if you are eligible, please contact us at teachers@kstf.org with questions.

CRITERIA:
KSTF Teaching Fellowships are awarded based on three selection criteria: potential to develop the content knowledge needed for teaching, potential to develop exemplary teaching practices and the potential to develop the qualities of a teacher leader.

• CONTENT KNOWLEDGE FOR TEACHING
A strong foundation of knowledge in the discipline is a necessary first step for developing the content knowledge needed for teaching; hence we seek candidates who have at least the equivalent of a bachelor’s degree in a discipline related to the subject(s) they intend to teach. Specialized content knowledge for teaching is developed over the course of a career, so KSTF does not expect candidates to display mastery of this kind of knowledge. Rather, we seek candidates who have the propensity to be challenged and excited by the prospect of having to learn more about the fundamental concepts and engage in the fundamental practices of the discipline, especially those they think they have already mastered.

• EXEMPLARY TEACHING PRACTICES
The KSTF Teaching Fellowship is explicitly designed to support beginning high school teachers; hence we are seeking candidates who are committed to working with adolescents and teaching math or science at the high school level. We do not expect candidates to display a mastery of teaching when they apply. Rather, we are seeking candidates who understand that teaching is highly complex, intellectually challenging work and recognize that will take them considerable time and effort to become masterful teachers.

KSTF seeks candidates who have developed the knowledge, skills and dispositions in previous experiences and display the propensity to continue to develop them as teachers.

• QUALITIES OF A TEACHER LEADER
KSTF is committed to strengthening the teaching profession by identifying and supporting outstanding professional teachers. A key characteristic of professionals is that they cultivate leaders from within the profession and generate knowledge about and for their practice. Thus, we seek candidates who have the potential to become leaders and change agents who advocate for students, their communities, improved educational opportunities and the teaching profession from the classroom.

HOW TO APPLY:
• Complete Online Registration Form
• Submit three essays on your potential to meet the three areas of selection criteria
• Provide 3 letters of recommendation
• Provide your official transcripts

Visit www.kstf.org/apply to get started
Questions? Contact us at teachers@kstf.org

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