

The MfA Fellowships

It should go without saying that every student deserves a great teacher—one who's an expert in the subject matter and has a deep commitment to the craft of teaching. So that's what our model is about: finding the best teachers, creating opportunities for their growth, sustaining them in their teaching careers, and enabling every student in America to have truly excellent mathematics and science teachers.

MfA offers fellowships to outstanding K-12 public school science and mathematics teachers at all stages of their careers. We offer a broad array of resources and professional growth opportunities within a community of teachers who share a passion for science or mathematics.

Our Selection Process

All of our teachers go through a rigorous screening process. First, candidates submit a written application. Finalists are then invited for a day-long in-person interview. During each application phase, we require candidates to demonstrate strength across three domains:

Knowledge of content: Candidates must achieve a competitive score on a Praxis content exam and have completed substantial courses beyond the standard introductory sequence at the undergraduate level in their subject. We look for educators who are able to engage with their subject beyond the level they teach their students.

Knowledge of pedagogy: Applicants must demonstrate advanced teaching skills in a sequence of tasks that inquire into their approach to lesson design, assessment strategies, and knowledge of student thinking.

Knowledge of students: Each applicant provides letters of recommendation from a supervisor, a colleague, and a student, and must demonstrate an ability to engage students as individuals who see the world within specific cultural and community contexts.



Fellowships At-A-Glance

Each weeknight over the course of the school year, MfA offers extensive professional programming with a focus on giving expert teachers opportunities to collaborate, share best practices, and stay current in mathematics or science. MfA Master Teachers attend or lead a minimum of seven MfA workshops per year, while MfA Early Career Fellows attend monthly cohort meetings during the first year of the fellowship and participate in at least 10 MfA workshops per school year in the remaining fellowship years.

Our Fellowships

MfA Master Teacher Fellowship

A renewable four-year fellowship that is awarded to outstanding, experienced K-12 public school mathematics and science teachers. MfA Master Teachers have at least four years in the classroom, are true experts in their subject, and demonstrate leadership within their school or in the education community. Here are just a few of the benefits:

- \$60,000 stipend over four years
- A community of inspiring mathematics and science teachers
- Opportunities to design and lead high quality professional workshops
- Participation in professional growth and enrichment opportunities, including mentoring MfA Early Career Fellows
- Funding for conferences and classroom materials

MfA Early Career Fellowship

A four-year fellowship that gives new K-12 public school mathematics and science teachers the support they need to become outstanding educators. MfA Early Career Fellows have been teaching for fewer than four years, but show a deep expertise in their subject matter and enormous promise in the classroom. Here are just a few of the benefits:

- \$48,000 stipend over four years
- A community of dynamic beginning STEM teachers building best practices
- Mentoring from MfA Master Teachers
- Participation in professional growth opportunities that enhance fellows' skills, knowledge, and leadership experience
- Funding for conference participation and classroom supplies