

**Fellowship with Stipend Opportunity Open to all
Middle School Teachers in DFW Public and Charter Schools**

The talkSTEM If/Then® Educational Fellowship program will engage 15 teachers from June-November 2021. This Fellowship program is made possible thanks to a partnership between the Texas Women's Foundation and the If/Then Initiative, who are committed to supporting leadership opportunities and programs for women and girls. We are looking for thoughtful, innovative teachers of all genders who care about equity issues in math, science, STEM, and STEAM education. **Middle school teachers in the DFW area who teach math, science, engineering, STEM, or STEAM classes are invited to apply.**

All 15 selected fellows will receive a **\$1,000 stipend** for their participation. In addition, each fellow will receive \$100 to be used for printing of If/Then posters from their website to be used in the classroom/school with the goal of expanding visual representation of contemporary women in STEM.

Through this fellowship program, we will build a small but impactful community of middle school teachers who will address visual representation of women in STEM in the classroom (single gender and coeducational) and curriculum. The selected fellows will be trained to utilize the [If/Then® Collection](#) as part of classroom displays, curriculum, and activities. By engraining the If/Then® assets flexibly into middle school curricula and expertly utilized by educators, the impact can be lasting and life changing. The Fellows program will also build a vibrant community of middle school teachers who understand and have personally seen the critical importance of visual representation of women in STEM. This program is made possible by the [If/Then Initiative](#) of Lyda Hill Philanthropies.

[talkSTEM](#) is a nonprofit organization that has operated for over five years with a single focus to empower all children from all income levels, ethnicities, and genders to see STEM not merely as a set of school-based subjects communicated through lectures and tests, but as a fluid and intriguing part of their daily lives, experiences, and environments. The organization's (and its founder and CEO's) success is notable as a Women Who STEAM 2020 Honoree and a 2020 TxGCP Million Women Mentors – Texas Stand Up for STEM Educational Organization Award Winner. Dr. Koshi Dhingra, the founder and director of talkSTEM, has 30 years of experience in the field of science/STEM education as teacher, researcher, teacher educator, and administrator. In addition to publishing research articles, speaking at professional conferences, and consulting for *Blue's Clues*, she taught teacher education courses and held administrative positions at Columbia University, City University of New York, University of North Texas, and University of Texas at Dallas. She will be directly engaging with all Fellows in this program.

The talkSTEM/If Then Teacher Fellowship program will consist of:

- An online **webinar series** conducted by Dr. Dhingra. All fellows are required to attend, participate actively, and do the required “homework” that are associated with these 4 webinars.
Webinar Dates: June 28, 30, July 19, 21. Each webinar will run for 90mins or 120mins. **Start times** of the June webinars will be 1 PM and for the July webinars will be 10:30am.
- From **August-November, 2021**, all fellows will be required to actively participate in a *closed facebook group* associated with the talkSTEM If/Then teacher fellowship program. Each teacher fellow will be required to share at least one thoughtful post each week. This is our way of continuing to foster our community without taking up too much of your time.
- **One key deliverable** for each teacher fellow during the summer webinar series will be a minimum of 2 unit plan outlines that the teacher plans on using in the fall. These will contain lesson plans that directly involve If/Then collection video and other assets, freely accessible on their website. As an outcome of the experience, all teacher fellows will receive lesson plan ideas created by this community that you can adapt and use. Our goal is to plan and execute lessons that leverage the breadth of resources available thanks to the If/Then Initiative in ways that work well with YOUR curriculum and YOUR students.

Questions?

Email koshi@talkstem.org

Application:

To apply, complete [this](#) form by May 24, 2021. You will be asked to interview if your application moves forward. We will respond to all applicants to let them know if they are accepted in this program or not. We encourage all interested middle school teachers who teach underserved students to apply.