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## **Smithsonian Science Education Center and Howard University Join Forces To Increase Diversity in STEM Teaching**

To tackle the issue of underrepresentation in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teaching and leadership, the Smithsonian Science Education Center will host a STEM teacher leadership summit Feb. 23–25 at [Howard University](#) funded by Shell Oil Company in collaboration with the Howard University School of Education and powered by [Teach to Lead](#).

At the summit, teams of educators nationwide will create plans for attracting, retaining and developing a diverse STEM teaching workforce in their districts, positioning themselves as catalysts for systemic change. By increasing representation among STEM teachers, schools will in turn increase the diversity of STEM students and subsequent career opportunities available to them. This work is made possible by a steering committee composed of education thought leaders, including representatives from the Smithsonian Science Education Center, Howard University and Shell Oil Company.

### **About the Smithsonian Science Education Center**

The mission of the [Smithsonian Science Education Center](#) (SSEC), formerly the National Science Resources Center, is to transform and improve the learning and teaching of science for K–12 students. The SSEC is nationally and internationally recognized for the quality of its programs and its impact on K–12 science education.

### **About Howard University**

Founded in 1867, Howard University is a private research university composed of 13 schools and colleges. Students pursue studies in more than 120 areas leading to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees. The university operates with a commitment to Excellence in Truth and Service. Howard is a leader in the STEM fields and also produces more on-campus African American Ph.D. recipients than any other university in the United States. For more information on Howard University, call 202-238-2330 or visit [www.howard.edu](http://www.howard.edu).

### **About Shell Oil Company**

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