**TO:** Chief Executive Officers   
Chief Instructional Officers   
Chief Student Services Officers  
Chief Business Officers

**FROM:** LeBaron Woodyard, PhD

Dean, Educational Services and Support Division

**RE:** Request for Applications – Rising Scholars Network

The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding for the Rising Scholars Network. Serving incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students is core to the California Community Colleges’ mission, critical to the Chancellor’s DEI Call to Action, and closely aligns with the [*Vision for Success*](https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Vision-for-Success/vision-goals) goal to reduce equity gaps among traditionally underrepresented student groups. The California Community Colleges’ Rising Scholars programs now reach and serve almost 20,000 justice-involved students both on campus and in prisons, jails, and juvenile detention centers throughout the state. The Chancellor’s Office has built a strong foundation to serve this student population by providing quality technical assistance.

**Purpose:**

The overarching objective of the Rising Scholars Network is to expand the number of justice-involved students participating and succeeding in the community colleges.

**Application Information:**   
The Rising Scholars Network Request for Applications (RFA) Instructions, which include eligibility and application requirements, can be found on the Educational Services and Support Division website at the following link: [Rising Scholars Network](https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/What-we-do/Rising-Scholars-Network)

A Bidders’ Conference presentation will be conducted on **Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 10:00 – 11:30 am PST.** Zoom information available below:

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Written questions concerning the specifications and instructions in this Request for Applications must be submitted via email with the email subject line: [College name] Rising Scholars Application Question to Dean LeBaron Woodyard at [LWoodyar@cccco.edu](mailto:LWoodyar@cccco.edu) and Marissa Anderson at [Manderson@cccco.edu](mailto:Manderson@cccco.edu) **no later than February 18, 2022 at 5:00 pm PST.**

**Application Deadline:**

Applications must be submitted electronically via NOVA and the following link: [Rising Scholars Link to the Nova Application Portal](https://nova.cccco.edu/sign-up/0b45b5a0-a6ff-4f5b-9000-5630941c439a)  by 5:00 p.m. on March 21, 2021. Applicants that do not have a NOVA account can request one from the “Request Access to NOVA” link [here](https://nova.cccco.edu/login?returnUrl=%2F).

Once an account is established, applicants select ‘Rising Scholars’ in the ‘Applications’ item and then select “Create Application” button.

**CC**:Chancellor’s Office Staff