



MEMORANDUM

November 25, 2024

ESLEI 24-66 | Via Email

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

FROM: LaTonya Williams, Dean of Educational Services and Support Division
Equitable Student Learning, Experience and Impact Office

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, is a critical initiative in Vision 2030 to reduce equity gaps among justice-involved students. 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](#).

A Bidders' Conference presentation will be conducted:

Monday, Dec. 9, 2024 from 1 - 2:30 p.m. PST

Zoom information available below:

One tap mobile: US: +16694449171, 84534327510# or +16699006833,84534327510# US (San Jose)

Meeting URL: <https://cccco.zoom.us/j/84534327510>

Meeting ID: 845 3432 7510

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 LeBaron Woodyard at LWoodyard@CCCCO.edu and Lisa Gallardo at LGallardo@CCCCO.edu no later than **Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. PST**.

Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted electronically via NOVA and the following link: [Rising Scholars Link to the Nova Application Portal](#) by **11:59 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, 2025**. Applicants that do not have a NOVA account can request one from the "[Request Access to NOVA](#)" link here. Once an account is established, applicants select 'Rising Scholars' in the 'Applications' item and then select "Create Application" button.

CC: Chancellor's Office Staff