



TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Instructional Officers
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FROM: LeBaron Woodyard, PhD
Dean, Educational Services and Support Division

RE: Request for Applications – Rising Scholars Network – Juvenile Justice Program

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce the availability of funding for the Rising Scholars Network – Juvenile Justice Program. Serving incarcerated and formerly incarcerated juvenile 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](#) 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 juvenile justice-involved students participating and succeeding in the community colleges. With the closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), California must ensure that youth in the juvenile justice system have access to higher education and a well-orchestrated pathway from detainment to college and career opportunities.

The higher education needs of justice-impacted youth can be met most effectively by creating dedicated programming at local community colleges. Community colleges are critical partners in this work; they are the primary point of entry for most incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students in California. They are accustomed to addressing challenges faced by a variety of student populations and through this new category within the Rising Scholars Network expand their offerings to include strong programmatic support for system-impacted youth.

Rising Scholars Network – Juvenile Justice Program Request for Application (RFA)

April 3, 2023

Youth have specific developmental needs and respond best to strategies tailored to their age and life stage. This grant competition will enable California community colleges to implement effective program models for serving system-impacted youth that can be spread to their surrounding communities to help youth throughout the state transition out of the justice system and into higher education.

Application Information:

The Rising Scholars Network – Juvenile Justice Program 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](#)

A Bidders’ Conference presentation will be conducted on **Monday, May 1, 2023, at 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM 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, Kimberly McDaniel at KmcDaniel@cccco.edu, and Kellie Nadler at knadler@cccco.edu **no later than April 28, 2023, at 5:00 pm PST**.

Application Deadline:

Applications must be submitted electronically via NOVA and the following link: [Rising Scholars Network Juvenile Justice RFA Application Link](#). by 11:59 p.m. on **June 5, 2023**. Applicants that do not have a NOVA account can request one from the “Request Access to NOVA” link [here](#). It may take from 48 to 72 hours to create an account so this step should be completed well in advance of the application submission deadline. Once an account is established, applicants select ‘Rising Scholars’ in the ‘Applications’ item and then select “Create Application” button.

CC: Chancellor’s Office Staff