



MEMORANDUM

July 11, 2025

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TO: Rising Scholars Network
Chief Executive Officers
Chief Business Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
Chief Instructional Officers

FROM: Gina Browne, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Program Operations & Special Initiatives

RE: [UPDATED] Intent to Award Notification – Rising Scholars Network Request for Applications

This memo provides updates to the Rising Scholars Network grant awards for 2025–2028.

The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office is pleased to announce that all colleges that applied to the Rising Scholars Network program for 2025–28 will receive funding as a result of an increase in state funding and the removal of the original cap on the number of participating colleges. The Chancellor’s Office appreciates and acknowledges the strong commitment of all colleges that applied. A list of awardees and funding details can be found in Table 1.

The Rising Scholars Network (RSN) is a statewide initiative of the California Community Colleges designed to expand access to higher education for justice-involved individuals, including those who are currently or formerly incarcerated. Serving over 20,000 students across community college campuses and correctional facilities, RSN offers programs such as Adult Programs, Juvenile Justice, and Textbooks/Digital Course Content. This expansion reflects California’s growing commitment to advancing the Vision 2030 goals of equity in access, equity in support, and equity in success. With increased investment, colleges can strengthen or launch programs that support academic achievement, ease reentry transitions, enable transfer, and create pathways to livable wage careers—continuing our collective work to build opportunities for justice-impacted students.

Next Steps

1. **Grant Execution & Payments:** Grant agreements are expected to be finalized in fall 2025. Initial payments will be issued after all agreements are fully executed.

2. **Grant Orientation:** All awarded colleges are encouraged to attend a virtual orientation on Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The session will cover:

- New grant reporting requirements
- Grant payment schedules
- Technical assistance and support resources
- Tools to support high-quality implementation aligned with AB 417 and Vision 2030

If you have any questions about this communication or next steps, please send an email to RisingScholars@CCCCO.edu.

Table 1: Rising Scholars Network 2025-28 Grant Awards

Community College	Award Amount 2025-26	Award Amount 2026-27	Award Amount 2027-28	Total**
Allan Hancock College	\$190,164	\$190,164	\$190,164	\$570,492
American River College	\$178,033	\$178,033	\$178,033	\$534,098
Antelope Valley College	\$184,692	\$184,692	\$184,692	\$554,075
Bakersfield College	\$256,120	\$256,120	\$256,120	\$768,361
Berkeley City College*	\$119,699	\$119,699	\$119,699	\$359,097
Butte College	\$173,263	\$173,263	\$173,263	\$519,789
Cabrillo College	\$174,380	\$174,380	\$174,380	\$523,141
Cerritos College*	\$110,063	\$110,063	\$110,063	\$330,189
Cerro Coso Community College	\$222,923	\$222,923	\$222,923	\$668,769
Chabot College*	\$146,119	\$146,119	\$146,119	\$438,357
Chaffey College	\$192,787	\$192,787	\$192,787	\$578,362
Citrus College	\$179,644	\$179,644	\$179,644	\$538,931
City College Of San Francisco	\$208,795	\$208,795	\$208,795	\$626,385
Coalinga College	\$204,580	\$204,580	\$204,580	\$613,739

Community College	Award Amount 2025-26	Award Amount 2026-27	Award Amount 2027-28	Total**
Coastline College	\$310,877	\$310,877	\$310,877	\$932,632
College of Marin	\$183,753	\$183,753	\$183,753	\$551,258
College of the Canyons	\$204,681	\$204,681	\$204,681	\$614,043
College of the Desert*	\$116,774	\$116,774	\$116,774	\$350,322
College of the Redwoods	\$206,771	\$206,771	\$206,771	\$620,314
Columbia College	\$188,782	\$188,782	\$188,782	\$566,346
Compton College	\$176,839	\$176,839	\$176,839	\$530,517
Contra Costa College*	\$121,472	\$121,472	\$121,472	\$364,416
Cosumnes River College	\$181,488	\$181,488	\$181,488	\$544,464
Crafton Hills College*	\$122,009	\$122,009	\$122,009	\$366,027
Cuesta College	\$208,830	\$208,830	\$208,830	\$626,489
Cuyamaca College	\$181,616	\$181,616	\$181,616	\$544,847
Cypress College*	\$180,982	\$180,982	\$180,982	\$542,946
De Anza College	\$190,094	\$190,094	\$190,094	\$570,282
Diablo Valley College*	\$113,649	\$113,649	\$113,649	\$340,947
East Los Angeles College	\$207,408	\$207,408	\$207,408	\$622,223
El Camino College	\$194,969	\$194,969	\$194,969	\$584,906
Evergreen Valley College*	\$109,114	\$109,114	\$109,114	\$327,342
Feather River College	\$217,626	\$217,626	\$217,626	\$652,878
Folsom Lake College	\$202,120	\$202,120	\$202,120	\$606,361
Fresno City College	\$197,469	\$197,469	\$197,469	\$592,406
Fullerton College	\$179,490	\$179,490	\$179,490	\$538,469

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Gavilan College*	\$145,744	\$145,744	\$145,744	\$437,232
Glendale Community College	\$182,860	\$182,860	\$182,860	\$548,579
Grossmont College	\$186,605	\$186,605	\$186,605	\$559,814
Hartnell College	\$203,439	\$203,439	\$203,439	\$610,316
Imperial Valley College	\$218,384	\$218,384	\$218,384	\$655,152
Irvine College*	\$101,837	\$101,837	\$101,837	\$305,511
Lake Tahoe Community College	\$209,410	\$209,410	\$209,410	\$628,231
Laney College	\$193,215	\$193,215	\$193,215	\$579,646
Lassen College	\$206,577	\$206,577	\$206,577	\$619,730
Lemoore College*	\$118,738	\$118,738	\$118,738	\$356,214
Long Beach City College	\$207,848	\$207,848	\$207,848	\$623,544
Los Angeles City College	\$201,437	\$201,437	\$201,437	\$604,311
Los Angeles Harbor College	\$174,648	\$174,648	\$174,648	\$523,943
Los Angeles Mission College	\$184,263	\$184,263	\$184,263	\$552,790
Los Angeles Pierce College*	\$171,349	\$171,349	\$171,349	\$514,047
Los Angeles Southwest College*	\$147,819	\$147,819	\$147,819	\$443,457
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College	\$204,304	\$204,304	\$204,304	\$612,911
Los Angeles Valley College*	\$155,784	\$155,784	\$155,784	\$467,352
Los Medanos College*	\$110,236	\$110,236	\$110,236	\$330,708
Madera College*	\$113,994	\$113,994	\$113,994	\$341,982
Merced College	\$208,198	\$208,198	\$208,198	\$624,595
Merritt College*	\$136,376	\$136,376	\$136,376	\$409,128

Community College	Award Amount 2025-26	Award Amount 2026-27	Award Amount 2027-28	Total**
MiraCosta College	\$205,707	\$205,707	\$205,707	\$617,120
Mission College	\$181,136	\$181,136	\$181,136	\$543,407
Modesto Junior College	\$179,143	\$179,143	\$179,143	\$537,428
Moreno Valley College*	\$119,219	\$119,219	\$119,219	\$357,657
Mt San Antonio College	\$182,141	\$182,141	\$182,141	\$546,423
Napa Valley College*	\$109,114	\$109,114	\$109,114	\$327,342
Norco College	\$229,521	\$229,521	\$229,521	\$688,563
North Orange Continuing Education	\$161,546	\$161,546	\$161,546	\$484,638
Ohlone College	\$188,127	\$188,127	\$188,127	\$564,381
Oxnard College*	\$113,294	\$113,294	\$113,294	\$339,882
Palo Verde College	\$348,836	\$348,836	\$348,836	\$1,046,509
Palomar College	\$191,908	\$191,908	\$191,908	\$575,724
Pasadena City College*	\$117,474	\$117,474	\$117,474	\$352,422
Porterville College	\$173,646	\$173,646	\$173,646	\$520,938
Rio Hondo College	\$192,335	\$192,335	\$192,335	\$577,005
Riverside City College	\$172,248	\$172,248	\$172,248	\$516,745
Sacramento City College*	\$153,899	\$153,899	\$153,899	\$461,697
Saddleback College*	\$130,865	\$130,865	\$130,865	\$392,595
San Bernardino Valley College*	\$118,519	\$118,519	\$118,519	\$355,557
San Diego City College	\$207,943	\$207,943	\$207,943	\$623,829
San Diego College of Continuing Education	\$169,293	\$169,293	\$169,293	\$507,880
San Diego Mesa College	\$194,710	\$194,710	\$194,710	\$584,129

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San Diego Miramar College	\$176,696	\$176,696	\$176,696	\$530,089
San Joaquin Delta College	\$192,509	\$192,509	\$192,509	\$577,528
San Jose City College	\$171,854	\$171,854	\$171,854	\$515,562
Santa Ana College	\$200,902	\$200,902	\$200,902	\$602,706
Santa Barbara City College	\$160,981	\$160,981	\$160,981	\$482,944
Santa Monica College	\$180,195	\$180,195	\$180,195	\$540,585
Santa Rosa Junior College	\$190,022	\$190,022	\$190,022	\$570,066
Santiago Canyon College	\$211,707	\$211,707	\$211,707	\$635,122
Shasta College	\$207,804	\$207,804	\$207,804	\$623,412
Skyline College	\$176,776	\$176,776	\$176,776	\$530,329
Solano College	\$214,827	\$214,827	\$214,827	\$644,480
Southwestern College	\$210,657	\$210,657	\$210,657	\$631,970
Victor Valley College*	\$172,148	\$172,148	\$172,148	\$516,444
West Los Angeles College	\$184,127	\$184,127	\$184,127	\$552,381
West Valley College*	\$123,710	\$123,710	\$123,710	\$371,130
Total	\$16,936,679	\$16,936,679	\$16,936,679	\$50,810,032

*Additional colleges added due to increased funding and cap removal

**Subject to change based on annual California State Budget