



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 2.0 - Track 1: Implementation Grants and Track 2: Planning and Implementation Grants

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce the availability of Rising Scholars Network 2.0 grants, which offers two funding tracks for application. Serving incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students is core to the California Community Colleges' mission, critical to the Chancellor's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (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 Rising Scholars Network 2.0 RFA offers two tracks, which are designed for colleges that have little or no experience with the Rising Scholars Network and/ or were not competitive in the previous RFA from February 2022. The purpose of this RFA is to bring more colleges into the Rising Scholars Network and to expand the number of justice-involved students participating and succeeding in the community colleges. Colleges can choose between two RFA Tracks:

- **Track 1: Implementation Grants** are for colleges who already offer some services to incarcerated or formerly incarcerated students, but who did not receive or did not apply for the 2022-2025 Rising Scholars grants.
- **Track 2: Planning and Implementation Grants** are for colleges who do not yet offer services specifically for incarcerated or formerly incarcerated students and who did not receive or did not apply for the 2022-2025 Rising Scholars grants.

Rising Scholars Network 2.0 Request for Application (RFA)

August 9, 2022

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: <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 **Monday, September 12, 2022 at 10:00 – 11:30 am PST**. Zoom information available below:

Zoom information available below: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/97580908050>

Or iPhone one-tap (US Toll): +16694449171,97580908050# or +16699006833,97580908050#

Meeting ID: 975 8090 8050

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@cccoco.edu and Chelsea Esquibias at Cesquibias@cccoco.edu **no later than September 9, 2022 at 5:00 pm PST**.

Application Deadline:

Applications must be submitted electronically via NOVA and the following links:

- [Track 1 – Implementation Grants](#)
- [Track 2 – Planning and Implementation Grants](#)

Applications for both Track 1 and Track 2 are due by September 26, 2022 at 11:59 PM. 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’ section, select either ‘RSN Track 1 – Implementation Grants’ or ‘RSN Track 2 – Planning and Implementation’ and then select “Create Application” button. Colleges must choose only one track and cannot apply for both.

CC: Chancellor’s Office Staff