## **MEMORANDUM**



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**TO:** Chief Executive Officers
Chief Instructional Officers

Chief Student Services Officers

**FROM:** John Stanskas, Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

Equitable Student Learning, Experience and Impact Office

**RE:** Expansion of Rising Scholars Network (RSN) Technical Assistance

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is pleased to announce that the Rising Scholars Network Program will undergo a significant expansion and transformation in scale, capacity and service provision. This effort, aligned with Vision 2030's commitment to revolutionizing community college education for justice-impacted students across California, aims to institutionalize and enhance the delivery of high-quality, equity-focused technical assistance to the Field, increase operational efficiencies, and improve service delivery to more than 90 grant funded college programs supporting justice impacted learners.

In partnership with the Foundation for the California Community Colleges and informed by feedback from the Field and subject matter experts, improvements to the infrastructure of technical assistance will include a significant increase in program staffing including hiring seven regional coordinators, three associate directors, an analyst, and a director, all working closely with the Chancellor's Office RSN program team. The position announcements and applications for new technical assistance providers will be available as early as October.

As a reminder, the Chancellor's Office Rising Scholars Network Program team also provides guidance and technical assistance including but not limited to grant and fund management, interpretation of policy and procedures affecting programs, equity centered ideas, strategies and approaches supporting program development, stakeholder engagement and partnership development at the college and systems level.

If you have any questions, please contact LaTonya Williams, Dean of Academic Affairs, via email at LMWilliams@CCCCO.edu.

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