



SPECIAL ALERT

Update from the California Student Aid Commission

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TO: Financial Aid Administrators
County and District Superintendents, High School Counselors

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SUBJECT: **2019-21 Cal-SOAP Request for Application Process – Now Open**

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) announces the opening of the Request for Application (RFA) process for the 2019-21 Cal-SOAP consortium for the **Inland Empire** region.

The California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) is intended to promote college readiness for students who are low-income, first generation college bound, homeless, or from geographic regions with documented low college eligibility or participation rates.

The Commission is accepting grant applications from California based public and not-for-profit universities, community colleges, school districts, county offices of education, community-based organizations, and nonprofit agencies or accredited private vocational or technical schools for the Cal-SOAP program in **San Bernardino and Riverside counties**.

- Under this grant, the Commission will provide funding for a grant period beginning February 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021 (the consortium may also apply for the next grant period).
- The goal of the grant is to build robust partnerships between schools and other educational partners to provide services to increase the academic and college preparation skills of eligible disadvantaged elementary, secondary, and community college students.

All applications for this grant are due by December 6, 2019. The RFA, Q&A, technical assistance workshop date, and more information will be posted at: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/inland-empire-cal-soap-rfa>

Please share this information widely.

Need to contact us?

- Submit questions about the RFA process to: CalSOAPRFA@csac.ca.gov

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