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Linda M. Rodríguez is an Executive Director in Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase & Co. As part of the team that leads the firm's global workforce development strategy, Linda oversees several youth initiatives, such as JPMorgan Chase's \$17 million investment in summer youth employment, which provides career readiness, skills development and work experiences for thousands of young people in over 20 cities.

Linda has also led the development and expansion of The Fellowship Initiative (TFI), a college and career readiness program for young men of color in high school. Under her leadership, TFI earned recognition as a leading national corporate mentoring program and has grown to support young people in Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, and New York City. Over 350 JPMorgan Chase employees have volunteered for TFI, primarily by making a three year commitment to serve as mentors to the Fellows. In 2020, JPMorgan Chase made a new ten year commitment to expand TFI to support young people in seven cities.

Recently, Linda led the development of the firm's philanthropic strategy for helping cities decrease the number of opportunity youth, which includes planning grants to ten cities. In 2021, this effort will be expanded to include support for major projects in 3-5 cities.

Prior to joining JPMorgan Chase, Linda served as an Assistant Commissioner at the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). DYCD provides oversight for the City's youth employment services and the nation's largest out-of-school time (OST) system. While leading DYCD's capacity building department, Linda managed technical assistance services for hundreds of youth organizations and organized the City's first OST STEM-themed professional development conference.

Linda started her career in the nonprofit sector and has worked for several leading national workforce and youth organizations including ExpandED, Seedco, and The Posse Foundation. She serves on the boards of MENTOR: National Mentoring Partnership and the Forum for Youth Investment. Previously, she served on the advisory board for the NYC Young Men's Initiative.

Linda earned her Master's degree at the University of Virginia and her Bachelor's degree at Wesleyan University. As the first person to complete college in her family, Linda is proud to contribute to JPMorgan Chase's efforts to expand economic opportunities for youth.