



A message from **THE PRESIDENT**

Hostos Names Sofia Oviedo, Ph.D. as Research Programs Director



Dr. Sofia Oviedo has been appointed as Research Programs Director at Eugenio María de Hostos Community College. Reporting to the President, and indirectly to her Chief of Staff, Dr. Oviedo will be responsible for ensuring the alignment of multiple college-wide grant funded initiatives. Working with faculty, staff and students, Dr. Oviedo will ensure both the mission of the College and grant activities align with the priorities of our institution. Primarily, Dr. Oviedo will manage and oversee the fifteen million dollar grant given to Hostos in 2021 by the philanthropist, author, and activist Ms. MacKenzie Scott – the largest single gift in the College’s history and one of the largest in the history of The City University of New York (CUNY). Serving as the project manager of the grant, Dr. Oviedo will develop and manage the quantitative and qualitative methods needed to ensure adherence to the gift and other grants.

Educated at the NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts, Baruch College’s School of Public Affairs, and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, Dr. Oviedo holds a Ph.D. in Social Welfare. She has been a teacher and researcher at the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College and authored articles for scholarly publications such as the Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work and the Journal of Research on Social Work Practice.

She has worked in both the public and private spheres, most recently serving as Senior Development and Evaluation officer for L&G Research and Evaluation Consulting, Inc. Prior to that she held the position of Senior Development and Program Officer for Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco). She has also served as Director of Development and Outreach for HOPE at NYU School of Medicine’s Child Study Center and as Program Manager and Analyst for the Puerto Rican Family Institute, Inc.

Hostos President Daisy Cocco De Filippis observed, “The crucial role of Research Programs Director in the Office of the President requires someone with Dr. Oviedo’s impeccable skills, talents, and expertise in a variety of administrative areas. It is a pleasure to welcome her to the Hostos community.”

“It is truly an honor and privilege to join Eugenio María de Hostos Community College in the position of Research Programs Director and be part of the incredible community of students, faculty, and staff that make Hostos one of the brightest educational and cultural institutions in the South Bronx. I am very excited to be working with Hostos President Cocco De Filippis and the Hostos community to ensure the successful implementation of the college-wide initiatives funded by the MacKenzie Scott grant and to support the mission of this exemplary institution.” Dr. Oviedo said.

Dr. Oviedo begins her new role on Monday, January 10, 2022 and can be reached by phone at 718-518-4309.

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