

**Biographical Statement**  
**James L. Rodríguez, Ph.D.**

Dr. James L. Rodríguez is the interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB). Before his appointment as interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, Dr. Rodríguez served as dean of the School of Social Sciences and Education and professor of Child, Adolescent and Family Studies. Prior to his appointment at CSUB, Dr. Rodríguez was a professor of Child and Adolescent Studies at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF), where he held a number of administrative and leadership positions, including interim assistant vice president of Institutional Research and Analytical Studies, interim associate vice president for Student Affairs, acting chair of the Department of Chicana/o/x Studies, interim faculty athletics representative, co-chair of the university's Graduation Initiative, and as an inaugural diversity and inclusion fellow. Dr. Rodríguez also held a tenured faculty appointment in the College of Education at San Diego State University, where he collaboratively developed innovative school partnerships. He has also held an appointment as a visiting scholar in the Department of Psychology at Pomona College and is a research fellow at the Latinx Education Research Center at Santa Clara University.

Dr. Rodríguez has published widely on the psychological development and education of ethnic minority populations in the United States, with an emphasis on immigrant children and families and English learners. He has extensive experience working with and supporting diverse student populations and communities, advancing and advocating educational equity and academic success, and developing and engaging in school and community partnerships.

A native of Calexico, Calif., Dr. Rodríguez earned his B.A. in psychology from Pomona College and Ph.D. in Child and Adolescent Development from Stanford University. He has been awarded numerous fellowships and awards. At CSUF, he received a Faculty Advisor of Distinction Award, the Jewel Plummer Cobb Diversity in Education Award, and the CSUF Faculty Service Award twice. Dr. Rodríguez has also been awarded a Ford Foundation/National Research Council Predoctoral Fellowship, an American Psychological Association Minority Predoctoral Fellowship, a James Irvine Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, a William Lincoln Honnold Fellowship, a Los Angeles Philanthropic Foundation Scholarship, and was a National Hispanic and Pomona College Scholar.