

Mission of the New York Life Endowment for Emerging African-American Issues

The Colin Powell Center for Policy Studies
The City College of New York

The mission of the New York Life Endowment for Emerging African-American Issues, established at The City College of New York's Colin Powell Center for Policy Studies, is to promote the study and understanding of African-American perspectives on policy issues. Created to remain in perpetuity at CCNY's Powell Center, The New York Life Endowment will enable students from populations underrepresented among policymakers, especially for but not limited to African-American students, to participate in the Powell Center's unique program of experiential learning and student research combined with professional and academic mentoring. This rigorous program will prepare them for successful careers in policymaking and related fields.

Endowment earnings will support an integrated program of activities and study that includes: scholarships, internships, and graduate fellowships; participation in public policy conferences; meetings with professional policymakers; mentoring by trained faculty and professional policymakers; and guided student research.

Because the Powell Center mission ensures that meeting, research and conference activities are directed toward student participation through hands-on learning with practitioners and scholars, Endowment-funded students will prepare for their careers with the kinds of training and experience they need to compete in the professional and academic marketplace.

The Endowment will also enable the Powell Center to develop new programming that will bring African-American perspectives and experiences to the Center's initiatives. As a result, the Powell Center will serve more students and create opportunities for all of its students to explore public policy and issues relating to the African-American community.