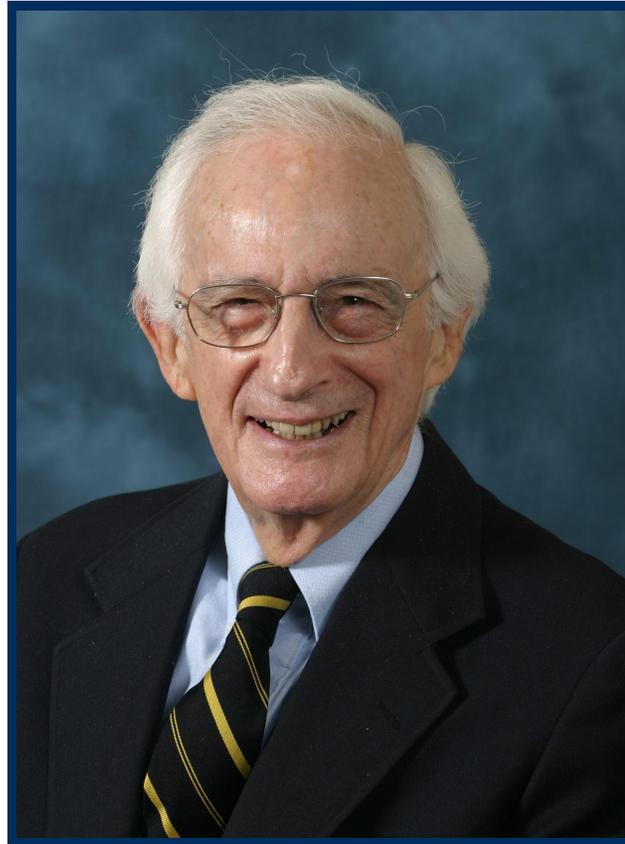

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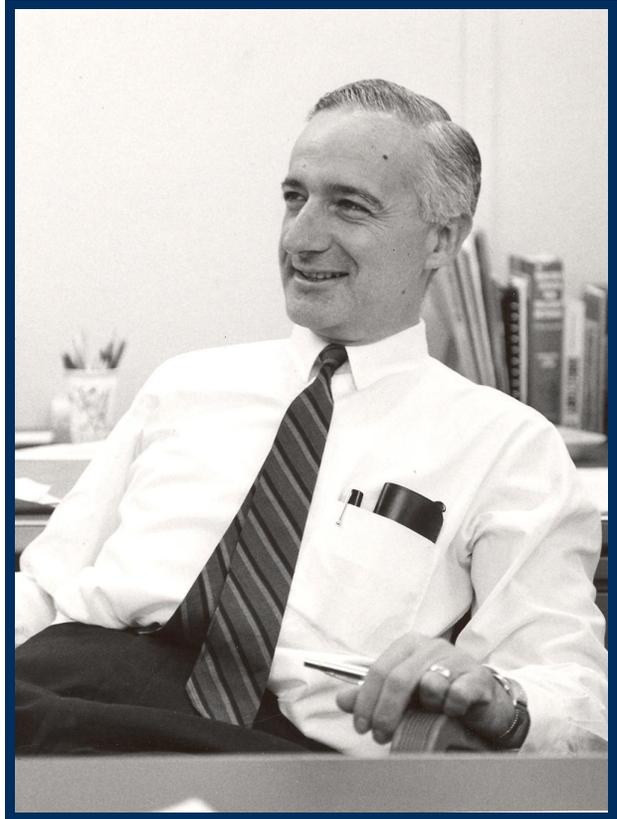
With the creation of the Robert L. Kahn Innovation Fund, the Institute for Social Research, the University of Michigan community, and a core group of committed donors will work together to advance interdisciplinary social research and to recognize the accomplishments of Robert Kahn, a renowned researcher who made foundational contributions in the social sciences -- especially in the two fields of organizational behavior and aging -- and wholeheartedly championed interdisciplinary collaboration. Today's transformative discoveries are most likely to occur at the boundaries between disciplines. For this reason, the interdisciplinary nature of this fund is more vital than ever. There is no better time to demonstrate a commitment to bold innovation, new kinds of partnerships, and the reimagined exploration of urgent social problems.



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CELEBRATE A REMARKABLE LIFE AND CAREER

Robert (Bob) L. Kahn (1918-2019) was a founding member of the University of Michigan Institute for Social Research (ISR) and pioneering distinguished researcher in the two distinct fields of organizational theory and aging. During his almost 40 years at the University of Michigan, Bob served as Director of the Survey Research Center and Acting Director of ISR. He was an active Research Scientist Emeritus, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, and Professor Emeritus of Health Services Management and Policy until shortly before his death. Kahn's scholarship exemplified his extraordinary ability to work across disciplinary boundaries and lead interdisciplinary teams. Bob relished the exchange of ideas. He enjoyed designing studies that targeted urgent human problems, and most of all, considering how best to apply the findings. He was a strong supporter of young people, junior scientists, women and minority scholars, and was committed to social justice in bringing new scholars into the field.



SPARKING TRUE INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOLARSHIP

Bob understood that true interdisciplinarity brings the best of two or more fields together to illuminate an issue that would otherwise remain poorly understood. The Robert L. Kahn Innovation Fund will be the catalyst that supports interdisciplinarity in research by encouraging researchers from many different fields to work together in thoughtfully designed groups to address problems that cannot be understood within a single discipline or field. The fund will provide project support to interdisciplinary groups of researchers in the pursuit of inventive social solutions. Grants from this fund, awarded to one team annually (or more, depending on the size of the endowment), will support the first year of an investigation, allowing the team to begin their projects before turning to more traditional funding sources. By serving as a means to spark collaborative and ground-breaking scholarship, the Kahn Innovation Fund will open an exciting new chapter in interdisciplinary social research.

WITH YOUR PARTNERSHIP, WE WILL

- recognize Robert Kahn's career marked by excellence in research and collaboration.
- make an investment in continuing Bob's legacy of leadership.
- launch innovative interdisciplinary research projects with promise of real social impact.

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