



ROBERT F. SCHOENI RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP

With the creation of the Robert F. Schoeni Research Professorship, the Institute for Social Research, the University of Michigan community, and a core group of committed donors will partner to recognize the accomplishments of a renowned researcher who supported the work of countless scholars and made a strong mark across the fields of economics, population studies, public policy, and on the social sciences broadly. Given the increasing complexity of social science research and the growing need to address pressing issues in society, there is no better time than now to honor the extraordinary life and work of Professor Robert F. Schoeni (Bob).

PARTNER WITH US TO HONOR A UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN VISIONARY.

A TREMENDOUS VISION

Bob Schoeni (1964-2021) was a distinguished researcher in the areas of economics, population studies, demography, health and aging, survey methodology and public policy, with academic appointments in the University of Michigan's Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, the Department of Economics in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, ISR's Survey Research Center, and ISR's Population Studies Center. For many who knew and worked with Bob, he symbolized dedication, resilience, and an unwavering desire to make the world a better place through academic research and human compassion.



Bob personified all that is aspirational for our community – brilliant and quick with insights, open to the ideas of others, collaborative and collegial, and authentic in his interactions both professional and personal. Bob also exemplified ISR's vision for the future with his cross-campus appointments with three different units and wide-ranging academic collaborations.

Your partnership in this unique professorship represents a commitment to interdisciplinary scholarship, cross-campus research efforts, and continuing Bob's legacy of compassion in perpetuity.

“There is no better place for interdisciplinary research than ISR and Michigan. It's where different perspectives and approaches are valued and brought together to advance science about topics that matter in society today. I have been fortunate to be part of this outstanding research community, truly the leaders and best!”

- Bob Schoeni

PARTNER WITH US TO CELEBRATE A REMARKABLE LIFE AND CAREER.



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ATTRACTING LEADERS AND BEST

The Robert F. Schoeni Research Professorship will rotate between members of the University's junior or senior faculty with flexible term limits, providing many outstanding faculty with opportunities to accomplish important work while honoring Bob's legacy. The Professorship will be awarded at the rank of Assistant Research Professor, Associate Research Professor, or Research Professor, and will be awarded to faculty members with at least one existing appointment outside of ISR. The Professorship will have flexible term limits ranging from one to five year appointments. An initial appointment may be renewed, though one individual may hold the Professorship for at most ten years. The hope and expectation is that recipients will continue in appointments and arrangements supporting interdisciplinary research scholarship between ISR and other units at the University. The professorship will support research related to Bob's passions, such as economics, population studies, demography, health and aging, survey methodology and public policy. The Professorship is intended to assist ISR in efforts relating to faculty recruitment, retention, and collaboration, and to support the establishment of joint appointments and stronger ties with other schools and colleges at the University. Faculty recruitment, retention and collaboration are among our highest priorities in keeping ISR strong and well connected to the rest of campus.

PARTNER WITH US TO BRING INNOVATIVE RESEARCHERS TO ISR.

A GRAND OPPORTUNITY WITH GREAT EXPECTATIONS

ISR leaders recognize that interdisciplinary and cross-unit collaborations are the key to highly valuable contributions in the social sciences. By serving as a tool to spark collaborative and mold-breaking scholarship, the Robert F. Schoeni Research Professorship will play an integral role in ISR's future success. Like Bob himself, this professorship will be a force for increasing partnership, generating innovative ideas, improving the quality of social research within the academic community, and inspiring social change for the public good. As Bob has touched many lives during his lifetime, this professorship will support important research efforts in perpetuity, generating immeasurable impact for many years to come. Honoring Bob will serve to establish and strengthen cross-campus partnerships, while demonstrating the University's commitment to our people.

PARTNER WITH US TO SET THE BAR HIGH.



WITH YOUR PARTNERSHIP, WE WILL

- recognize a life and career marked by excellence in research and collaboration.
- make an investment in continuing ISR's legacy of leadership in social science research in the public interest.
- attract the Leaders and Best.

JOIN US AS WE ESTABLISH THE ROBERT F. SCHOENI RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

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