A $5 million gift from Bruce C. Lindsay, ’65, and Suzanne Glover Lindsay will establish the first professorship in economics and public policy at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and endow fellowships for graduate students in the University of Chicago’s Division of the Humanities.

Chicago Booth will appoint a scholar making important contributions in the discipline of applied economics as it relates to public policy as the Bruce Lindsay Professor of Economics and Public Policy.

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“Our faculty is Chicago Booth’s most valuable asset. The establishment of this professorship in economics and public policy will be an important addition to the school,” said Sunil Kumar, dean of Chicago Booth and the George Pratt Shultz Professor of Operations Management. “I am deeply grateful to Bruce and Suzanne Lindsay, whose generosity makes this possible.”

“The University of Chicago’s tradition of economic scholarship, data-driven and evidence-based without regard to a specific ideology, is remarkable,” said Bruce Lindsay, a private equity investor and chairman and managing member of 2117 Associates LLC, a business consulting firm. “As has long been recognized, the influence of this research has been significant locally, nationally and globally. A chair established to examine the impact of economics on public policy, at a school with the distinction and influence of Chicago Booth, can only enhance the contributions such study and teaching can impart to society.”

The Lindsay gift has also established and endowed the Lindsay Graduate Fellowship Fund in the Division of the Humanities. Lindsay Fellowships will provide ongoing support for at least two students in their first five years of graduate study and one dissertation completion fellowship for a student in the sixth year.

“Chicago is truly exemplary for its profound commitment to the humanities and its acknowledged excellence in this crucial discipline,” said Suzanne Glover Lindsay, adjunct associate professor in the history of art at the University of Pennsylvania, former curator at the National Gallery of Art, and the author of essays, catalogs and monographs on 18th- and 19th-century European art. “The humanities have always been critical for understanding the human condition and the forces that shape it through time. The ability to appreciate societies with different mentalities and histories, drawn ever-closer together by accelerating globalization and social media, will influence how those communities interact. Adding fellowships for graduate study in the humanities will draw even more top students worldwide to the University of Chicago to enrich its impact—now and into the future.”

“I am delighted that Bruce and Suzanne have demonstrated their belief in the value of the humanities as an essential part of the intellectual life of the University of Chicago,” said Martha T. Roth, dean of the Division of the Humanities and the Chauncey S. Boucher Professor in Near Eastern Languages, the Oriental Institute and the College. “I am grateful for their generosity and vision, and I am confident that our graduate students will be enriched by the Lindseys’ support for generations to come.”

The Lindseys are longtime supporters of the University. They are now Founders Circle members of the Harper Society, the University’s highest donor recognition society. Their gift is part of The Campaign for the University of Chicago: Inquiry and Impact, which aims to raise $4.5 billion and engage 125,000 alumni by 2019.