

About The Pearson Institute and The Pearson Global Forum

The Pearson Family, through The Thomas L. Pearson and The Pearson Family Members Foundation, has given a landmark \$100 million gift to the University of Chicago to establish The Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts and The Pearson Global Forum at the Harris School of Public Policy. This significant gift is equal in size to the second largest gift in the University's history. It will create the first institute and annual global forum of their kind dedicated solely to the study and resolution of global conflicts.

The Pearson Institute will fill a critical gap in identifying new strategies—rooted in innovative and data-driven research approaches—that transform how we understand and approach global conflicts. Its mission advances three main areas: (1) research to understand, prevent and resolve violent conflicts; (2) engagement by annually convening the international policy and academic community to recognize new data-driven approaches and policies that reduce global conflicts; and, (3) education for the next generation of scholars and practitioners through new courses and programs, all designed to help resolve conflicts and inform more effective policies.

The Pearson Institute will annually convene pre-eminent international policy leaders and scholars from a variety of sectors concerned with global conflicts at The Pearson Global Forum, to ensure the regular exchange of ideas, and to maximize the potential for significant policy impact.