CISER Mission Statement

Our mission is to anticipate and support the evolving computational and data needs of Cornell social scientists and economists throughout the entire research process and data life cycle.

As it applies to CISER Data Archive (with the noted exception of Cornell Restricted Access Data Center) we do this by providing value-added services that can map onto life cycle processes including: planning, creating, using, appraising, publishing, depositing, re-using

- **Data Access**
  - facilitate discovery and re-use of social science numeric data via CISER Data Archive
  - ensure protection related to confidentiality and intellectual property

- **Data Management**
  - maintain understandability and usability of data for the Cornell research community
  - provide data management planning guidance

- **Computing Systems Support**
  - state-of-the-art computing cluster of multi-processor servers
  - statistical software packages and programming utilities

- **Quantitative and Qualitative Software Consulting**
  - helpdesk support, instructional material, workshops & training
  - web-based library of sample programs

- **Innovation**
  - mediate between research communities and digital libraries and archives
  - scope and implement new tools and technologies

- **Partnerships and Collaborations**
  - National/International Partnerships
    - National Census Research Network
    - International Association for Social Science Information Service and Technology
    - Data Documentation Initiative
    - Association of Public Data Users
    - German Institute for Employment Research
  - Internal Collaborations
    - Cornell Population Center
    - Cornell Center for Advanced Computing
    - Cornell Program on Applied Demographics

- **Cornell Restricted Access Data Center**
  - acquire and host restricted data in a secure computing environment for researchers
  - provide customized modes of access to meet restrictions required by data providers