A combination of massive data sets and powerful new computing tools are opening up new frontiers in the social sciences. The Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS) was founded to facilitate first-rate interdisciplinary research, train the next generation of scholars in innovative research methods, and to incubate promising research projects which address critical societal challenges.

**INCUBATING AND SUPPORTING RESEARCH LABS FOCUSED ON SOLVING SOCIETY’S GREAT CHALLENGES**

- Stanford PACS Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society
- IRiSS Center for Global Ethnography
- IRiSS Center for American Democracy
- ipl Immigration Policy Lab
- Stanford Center on Poverty & Inequality
- IRiSS Center for Computational Social Science

**TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE SCHOLARS**

- Engage over 50 graduate and postdoc fellows throughout our research centers
- Support graduate students with grants for dissertation and survey research
- Host workshops on state-of-the-art methods for data acquisition and analysis
- Provide community and mentorship for graduate students

**FACILITATING INNOVATIVE RESEARCH**

- Collaborate with over 60 faculty from nine departments and four graduate schools in IRiSS programs
- Encourage collaborative, interdisciplinary research through faculty fellows program
- Provide seed grants to develop research proposals into proofs-of-concept to attract further funding

**PROVIDING VALUABLE RESOURCES TO THE STANFORD SOCIAL SCIENCE COMMUNITY**

- Host one of 29 Federal Statistical Research Data Centers in the nation, providing restricted government data to Stanford scholars
- Obtain access to restricted data from US academic partners and the EU to advance Stanford research
- Engage community, connecting dozens of community college students to Stanford faculty to serve as research interns

**HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH**

- Summits and symposia
- Academic conferences
- Policy Briefs and op-eds
- Working papers
- Direct advice to policymakers

DATA DRIVEN DISCOVERY FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
My time on the IRiSS Advisory Board exposes me to research that informs my understanding of how to approach critical societal issues, and further strengthens my and Google's ties to Stanford's social science community. I am proud to support IRiSS financially and to work to raise its impressive profile and reputation.

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