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**Resources / Services**
- High performance, cloud & GPU computing
- Data storage & backups
- Shared file services
- Fast & secure file transfers
- Cloud storage service
- Videoconferencing
- Data management
- Software distribution

**Expertise**
- CFI funding consultations
- Technical consultations
- Optimizing and troubleshooting code
- Customizing tools
- Domain-specific specialists
- Cybersecurity support
- Research data management support

**Training**
- Group and individual training from novice to advanced users
- Discipline specific, customized training
- Live-streaming of remote & virtual seminars
- Quickstart guides, training videos and online workshops
- Summer schools

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