What is a Research Mission Statement?

It is a short text (about a page, not more than two) which describes your goals, motivations, and interests in doing research in the Systems Group.

A good research mission statement should tell us the following: Why are you interested in computer systems research, and what in your background has led you to work in this area? What is it about systems that you find particularly fascinating? What particular area or areas within the Systems Group would you most like to work in, and why?