

# Research Partnerships with UVM

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## **Mission:**

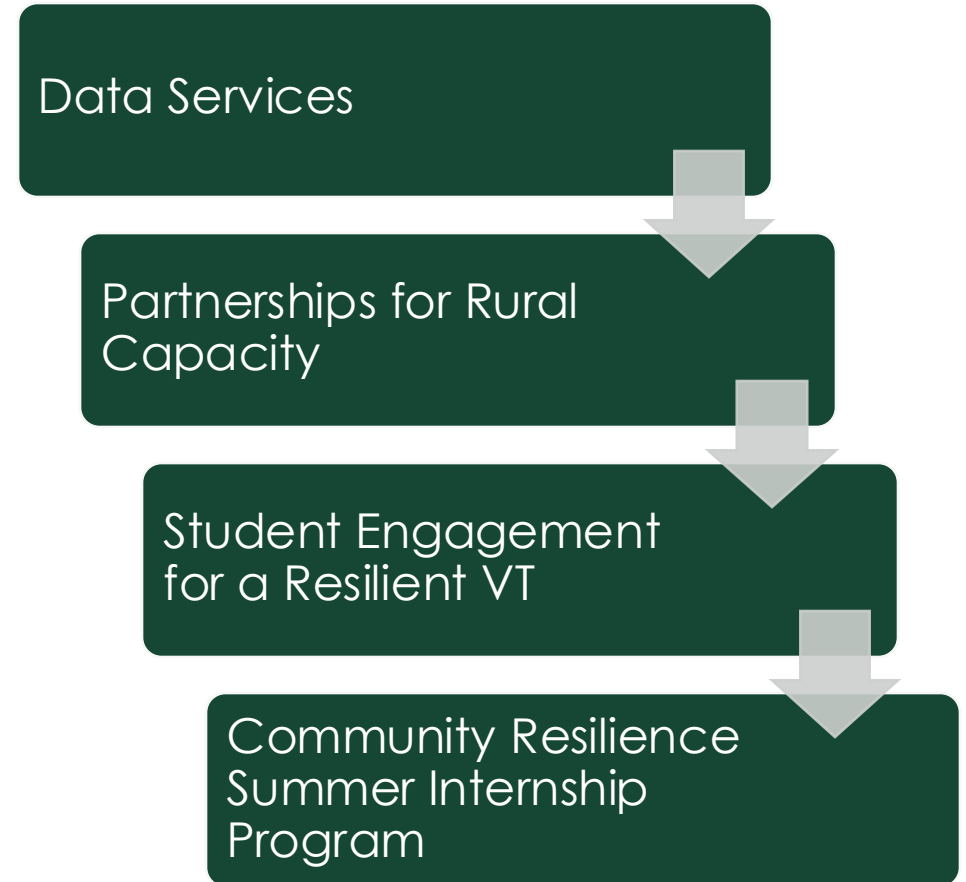
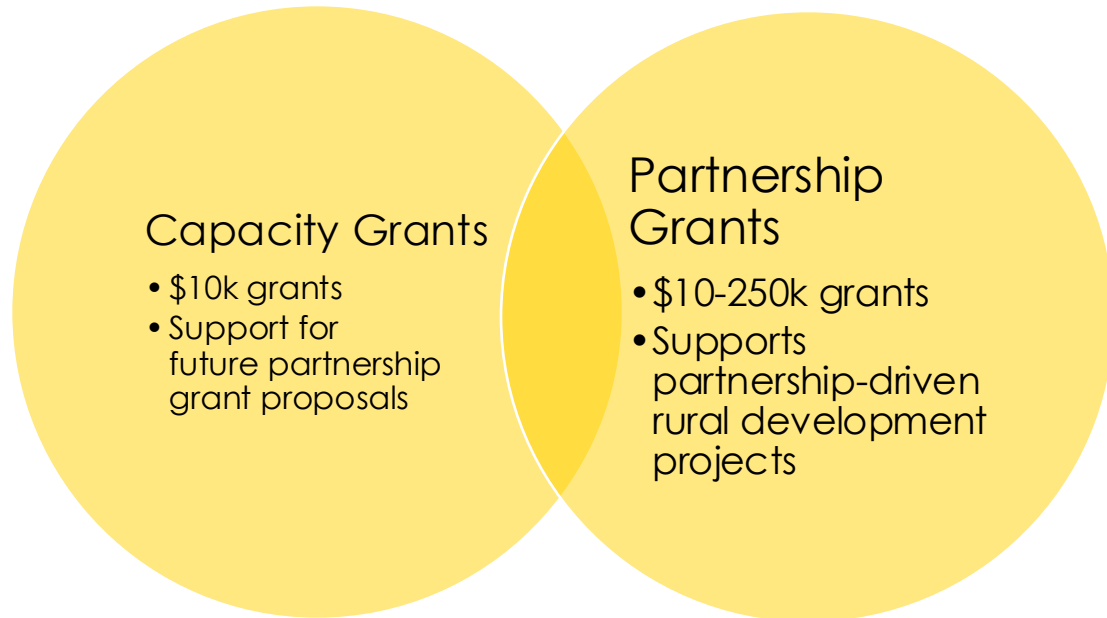
The Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships will operate alongside the Office of Engagement with the mission to build collaborations between the University of Vermont and state partners for the benefit of our rural places.

*We envision a Vermont where all communities can thrive.*

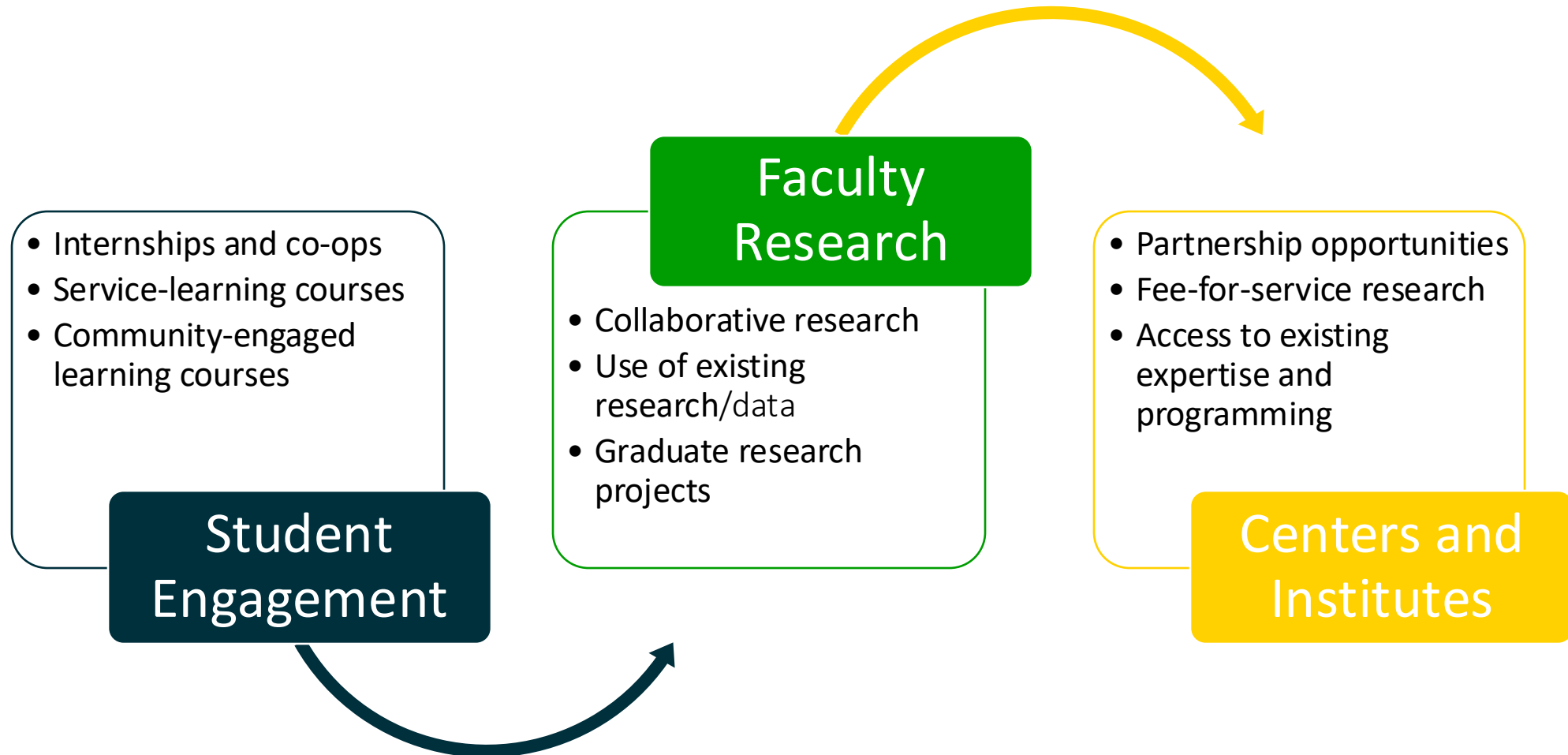


United States Department of Agriculture  
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# Key Functions: Partnerships and Engagement



# Partnering with UVM to Address Rural Challenges



# Example: Rural Collaboration Network and Assessment

**UVM partner:** Center for Rural Studies

**Community partner:** VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development

**Goal:** This project aims to enhance Vermont's rural communities by strengthening the effectiveness and accessibility of technical assistance provided to municipalities.

## **Objectives:**

- Provide recommendations to the existing

system in VT that will address challenges related to limited capacity, aging infrastructure, economic decline, and access to resources by developing an improved TA delivery model.

- Empower VT's rural communities to better meet state and federal mandates, recover from climate-related impacts, and pursue sustainable development via comparative analysis and stakeholder input

# Thank you

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