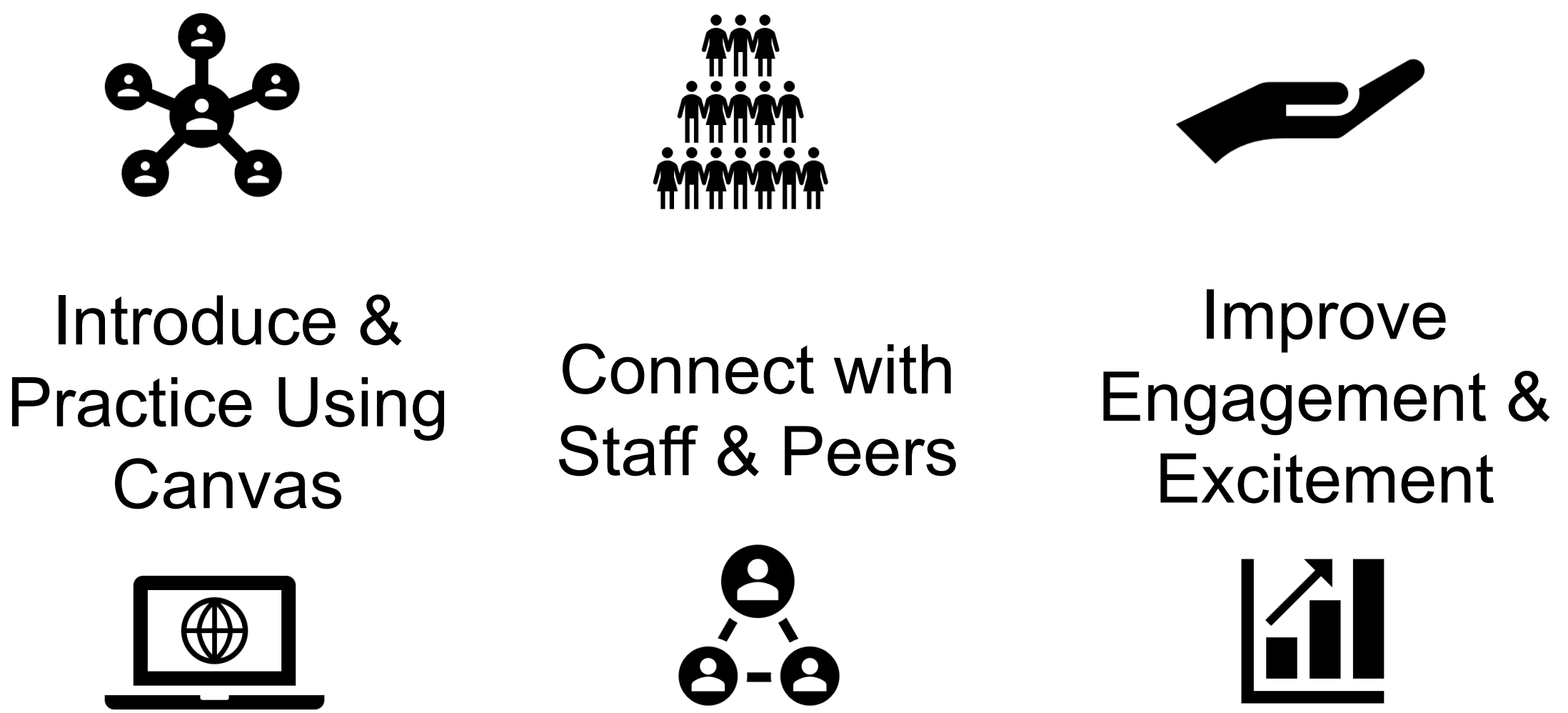




WHY ROOTSS?

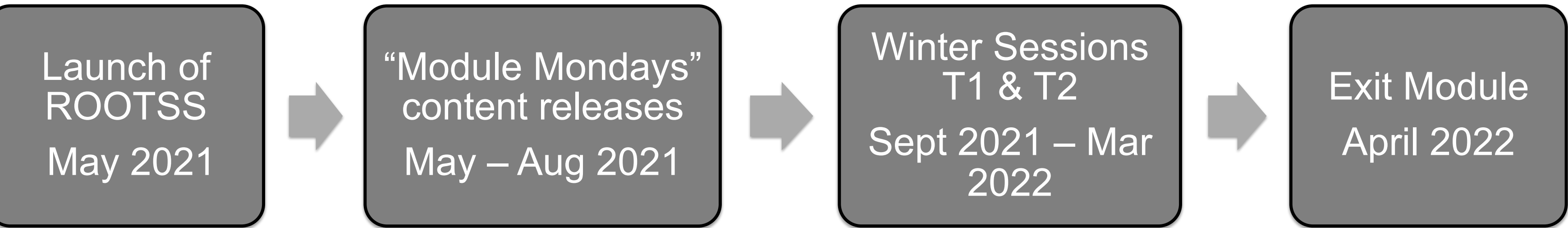
ROOTSS was developed by the Student Services team in LFS to offer support to incoming new-to-LFS students to do the following;

Increase Sense of Belonging Increase Retention Rates Support Students in their First Year



TIMELINE

ROOTSS is a year-long program from May to April of students' first year. The program works closely with the Faculty's Peer Program, the ACE Team (Academic, Career & Engagement)



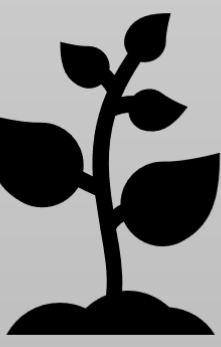
Summer	Term 1	Term 2
18 module releases 5 webinars 3 events	4 module releases 1 event 4 ACE events/ workshops	3 module releases 1 workshop 4 ACE events/ workshops

TLEF FUNDING

We used our TLEF funding and resources to develop and refine our assessment and evaluation plan, improve data collection and hire a full-time co-op position, the ROOTSS Program Coordinator. This role supports on-going development and implementation of the program, providing critical student perspectives in content development and engagement experiences.

What is ROOTSS?

ROOTSS stands for **Reach-Out, Orientation, Transition and Study Skills** and is a program designed in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems (LFS) to support new-to-LFS students in their integration, transition, and adjustment to UBC and LFS



DATA

Over 500 students enrolled in the ROOTSS pilot program in the summer of 2020, and we had:

- 11,000 page views in the first week
- 33,000 page views in the first month
- Average of 5,500 weekly page views over the summer
- 83% of surveyed students accessed the ROOTSS Canvas course on a weekly basis
- 73% of surveyed students agreed or strongly agreed that ROOTSS helped them feel more confident about and supported them in their transition to LFS

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

Over 80 student leaders, representing various Faculty student groups and clubs, who connect with students about:

LFS Peer Stories

Discussion Boards

Events

Workshops

Webinars

General Peer to Peer Engagement

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Student feedback is essential for making improvements to the program and the student experience.

"I'm really glad I joined because it made me feel a lot better about myself and I met some new people who share the same struggles as I do."

"It helped greatly in understanding the course registration process and what was required for my program, as well as equivalencies and my options for courses."