

Answering a Global Call to Action

The Villars Institute was established in 2022 as a nonprofit foundation to accelerate the transition to a net zero economy and to restore the health of the planet for all of its inhabitants.* Located in the Swiss Alps, the Villars Institute is a platform for systemic change and a place for intergenerational collaboration. It also supports artistic, cultural and wellness activities that promote biodiversity, planetary health, and sustainable development.

The Institute is building a community of future change-makers through its Fellowship and Symposium programs.

- Villars Fellows are solution-oriented young people nominated each year by educational and leadership organizations. Fellows are between 13 to 19 years old.
- The Villars Symposium brings together the Institute's partners and leading experts to work with the Villars Fellows as they begin their life-long development as systems leaders.

The aim of both programs is to empower young people to respond to global challenges through inter-generational collaboration and systems leadership.



The Institute is located in the Lake Geneva region which is home to the highest number of international organizations in the world and 3 major universities that are ranked in the top 200 globally.**

Joining a Community of Global Changemakers

Villars Fellows will be offered curated content, courses, and classes from trusted sources and project partners around three key themes:

- How to transition to a “Net Zero” carbon emissions economy
- How to develop “Nature-based solutions” for people and planet
- How to use “Emerging Technologies” to create new growth opportunities

Fellows will also work with renowned experts and experienced professionals from various disciplines to create new knowledge by learning together through a collaborative global network. As a life-long learning program, Fellows will also have access to original content, online learning, and virtual conferencing resources and will be informed about community activities organized by the Institute as well as services provided by its Knowledge and Talent partners.

The next Villars Symposium take place from **27 thru 30 June 2023** with 150 Villars Fellows joining 50 leading experts, educators, and entrepreneurs. Nominations for the Fellowship and participation in the Symposium are by invitation only. When contacted to participate by the Institute, please complete the following steps:

For Schools/Partners

- Please confirm your organization's participation
- Please nominate a cohort of students as Fellows
- Please nominate faculty/staff to chaperone the cohort
- Please provide us with their email addresses

For Fellows/Faculty

- Please register online via the email link
- Please complete your profile after registration

*The Villars Institute is as an independent, tax-exempt charitable foundation based in the canton of Vaud and under the supervision of the Swiss Federal Supervisory Authority for Foundations (ESA) in Bern.

**Based on 1,600 universities assessed by the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2022.