

## 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 in [Villars-sur-Ollon](#), the Villars Institute is a platform for systemic change and a locus 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 changemakers through its Villars Fellowship program. Villars Fellows are solution-oriented young people nominated each year by educational and leadership organizations to become [Systems Leaders](#). Fellows are between 13 to 19 years old and are offered curated content, courses, and classes from trusted sources and partners.

The aim of the Villars Fellowship program is to empower young people to respond to global challenges through [inter-generational collaboration](#) and [systems leadership](#).



The program focuses on key themes which Fellows consider important for their career and which simultaneously impact life on earth. This includes how to transition to a Net Zero and Nature Positive Economy, how to develop Nature-based Solutions for people and the planet, how to ensure Planetary Health, how to navigate the Energy transition, and how to use Emerging Technologies to create new growth opportunities.

## Joining a Community of Global Changemakers

Fellows work with renowned experts and experienced professionals from various disciplines to create new knowledge by learning together through a collaborative global network.

The Fellowship Program includes:

- Invitation to the [Villars Symposium](#) which 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.
- Access to the [Community Platform](#), a safe and secure way for Fellows to collaborate throughout the year on projects and to explore curated content and research tools available in the [Knowledge Hub](#).
- Participation in the [Systems Leadership](#) course co-developed with [Minerva Project](#) that introduces frameworks and toolkits to practice effective systems change.
- The opportunity to attend [International Events](#) and community activities organized by the Institute and its [Knowledge](#) and [Talent](#) partners.



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.\*\*

\*The Villars Institute is 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](#).