

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## 1. What is the Villars Academy: Himalayas?

Villars Academies combine systems leadership education, experiential learning and real-world impact into one transformational journey.

## 2. What are GHE Impact Expeditions?

GHE Impact Expeditions are curated field journeys where participants and travellers visit remote and unique regions. During the expedition you help implement tangible sustainable development projects and at the same time experience local culture, spirituality and community life.

## 3. What is the Certification in Systems Leadership Program?

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## 2. What is Included in the program fee?

- Systems Leadership Program
- Accommodation (7 nights)
- Meals during expedition
- Local transportation and logistics
- Impact implementation activities
- Cultural and learning experiences
- Program facilitation and mentorship
- Safety infrastructure and medical kits

## 3. What is Not Included?

- International flights
- Visa expenses
- Travel insurance
- Medical insurance
- Personal expenses

## 4. How is impact measured?

The Villars Institute, in collaboration with Global Himalayan Expedition (GHE), measures the impact of the expedition through a range of environmental and community indicators. These include the overall carbon emissions of the trip, the number of community members served, clean energy infrastructure installed, emissions reductions generated through the impact work, the long-term sustainability of installed systems, and broader livelihood improvement indicators within local communities. Following the expedition, GHE continues post-program monitoring and follow-up to help track the long-term outcomes and effectiveness of the initiatives implemented.

## 5. What are the fitness / health / safety requirements?

Since many expedition locations are remote and may involve trekking or off-road travel, participants should be reasonably fit and in good health. Any pre-existing health conditions should be disclosed via the medical form which it to be submitted by the travelers post their confirmation to join the trip.

## 6. What should I pack and prepare?

We will share the list of expedition essentials separately for each trip based on the time and duration of the trip.

## 7. Refund Policy

Participants who are unable to attend may request to transfer their place to another eligible participant, subject to prior written approval by the organizers. Any transfer requests must be submitted no later than 30 days before the start of the program. The organizers reserve the right to cancel or reschedule the expedition due to unforeseen circumstances or force majeure events. In such cases, participants may be offered a transfer to a future cohort at the organizers' discretion or a refund.

## 8. Cancellation Policy

All participation fees are strictly non-refundable once payment has been made.

Due to the nature of the expedition, advance commitments for accommodation, logistics, transport, renewable energy infrastructure, and program delivery are secured well in advance and cannot be recovered in the event of cancellation.