

THRIVE Impact Summer School

30th August - 5th September 2024

2024 Focus: Investing in Just Transitions

Application for Admission

Introduction

About THRIVE

As we edge closer to planetary boundaries, there is an urgent need to question our default ways of being, thinking, and doing. To realize a future in which humanity can thrive, we will need to work quickly and collectively towards systemic change across all levels and sectors of our global society. We can't continue the path that got us here – we must co-create a new way forward.

THRIVE convenes the leaders of tomorrow, empowering them with the tools and mindset to co-create a regenerative future.

Grand challenges are complex and interconnected. As a global society, we are not all equally vulnerable to the worst effects of climate change, nor have we been equally responsible for causing them.

Alongside the race to Net Zero, people and communities impacted by climate change grapple with fear, loss, and transformation. They carry with them knowledge, experience, questions, families, livelihoods and hopes for the future.

To realize a regenerative future, we need to bridge the discourses around emissions, nature and people. We need to change the rules, the conversation, and ourselves - and work towards systemic change across our global society.

That's why in 2024, THRIVE will focus on **Investing in Just Transitions**.

Benefits

You will:

- spend inspiring days in the Swiss Alps with an **international group** of like-minded changemakers
- gain **key knowledge**, inspiration, skills and tools to lead regenerative change and embark on an impact career
- expand professional **networks** and encounter opportunities for future **employment**
- learn the **collaborative methodologies** of strategic foresight and **participatory leadership**, and have the opportunity to support the facilitation of future University Summer Schools and **Impact Camps for school-age students**
- have the opportunity to qualify for the **Global Leadership Challenge** (cooperation between Oxford University and St.Gallen Symposium) to continue working on ideas, prototypes and initiatives
- receive a **certificate as a THRIVE Young Impact Leader** from the University of St.Gallen

Programme Cost

THRIVE is free of charge for successful applicants.

However, a registration fee of CHF 200 (Early Bird 150) is required upon successful acceptance, that needs to be paid within a week after the approval.

Accommodation costs for the week are not included. Due to the vacation and summer time student collocations are largely available. Additionally, all St. Gallen-based students are invited to participate in hosting students from outside St. Gallen.

Limited financing is available for income-restricted applicants (please reach out to csi@unisg.ch for further information)

Selection Process

THRIVE is for currently enrolled bachelor's, master's, and doctoral students from across disciplines and nationalities. Successful applicants have a strong commitment to personal growth, collaboration, and are driven by impact. Selection is also based on group composition; THRIVE is committed to diversity of backgrounds, nationalities, gender / gender identifications and disciplines of study.

Notification of acceptance will be given till the end of May, 2024.

Application form

The Basics

Family Name: _____ **First Name:** _____

Date of Birth (Age): _____ **Nationality:** _____

Street Address: _____ **Postal Code / City / Country:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

University / Enrolled Programme: _____

Bachelor / Master / PhD: _____

Allergies: _____

Hosting (I could offer another participant a place to sleep in St.Gallen): YES/ NO _____

Essay

Question 1. Please write a brief essay (0.5 – 1 page) in which you describe what investing in just transitions means for you, and what you think will be key in getting there.

Question 2: Your fears, hopes, and personal impact journey. Please share with us in 0.5 – 1 page: what “aha” moments in your life have contributed to your hopes and fears for the future? Can you share a specific experience or moment that inspired your commitment to supporting communities undergoing transitions? How have these moments of personal transformation impacted your journey as a changemaker?