

Enabling high-impact ventures

HUB Fellowship





The HUB Fellowship awards exceptional impact entrepreneurs with a one-year incubation program to develop their business idea into a working prototype, including significant seed capital, a HUB Unlimited membership and facilitated connection to a network of peers, experts and investors. Each Fellowship focuses on a selected issue and is sponsored by a corresponding partner organization. With the support of Avina Foundation and WWF Switzerland and starting in Johannesburg, São Paulo and Curitiba, the Fellowship program is now being scaled to other HUBs around the world.

Past Fellowships include:

- “Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability”
in partnership with WWF Switzerland.
Selected Fellow: UrbanFarmers AG
- “Empowerment of Children and Youth”
in partnership with Mercator Switzerland.
Selected Fellow: Superar Suisse & ZwischenRäume
- “Biodiversity and Resource Efficiency”
in partnership with WWF Switzerland.
Selected Fellow: Eaternity



Meet the HUB Fellows 2011/2012

				
<i>HUB Fellow</i>	Roman Gaus UrbanFarmers AG www.urbanfarmers.com	Judith Ellens and Manuel Klarmann Eaternity www.eaternity.ch	Etienne Abelin Superar Suisse superar.eu/standorte/suisse	Dennis Padel and Nora Howald ZwischenRäume www.zraeume.ch
<i>Idea</i>	Combining ecological fish and vegetable farming through an aquaponic system designed for urban roof tops	Making climate-friendly delicious and appealing meals by working with (corporate) canteens to reduce CO ₂ emissions	Fostering youth empowerment and integration through musical education in challenging contexts	Using idle space capacity to provide an open environment for youth creativity
<i>Achievements</i>	Developed two Aquaponic-based container farms and launched one large community farm prototype in Basel, presented at TEDxZurich, INSEAD Social Entrepreneurship Catalyst & SOCAP Europe, won several awards, attracted CHF 2.2 million of further start-up financing within 18 months, made it to the Top 100 Swiss Startups list	1st place Ecoworks Workshop, 2nd prize at Prix Nature 2012, seif Ernst & Young Innovation Prize, Finalist Future Impact Prize, Best Innovation 2012 at GDI, Venture Kick Stage 1, 2nd Prize Trophée des Femmes 2013, pilots with ETH, city of Zurich and Zurich Police	Pilot completed, attracted further funding of over CHF 150'000, strong partnerships established, core team built	Pilot completed, attracted further funding, expanded the core team, established the legal entity and corporate identity
<i>Comments</i>	"The HUB Fellowship gave us the necessary credibility to be taken seriously early on."	"Quite simply put: If we had not won the HUB Fellowship, Eaternity would not exist anymore."	"Superar Suisse was initiated through a HUB connection and continues to build on this amazing community."	"Without the Fellowship ZWISCHENRÄUME might still be just a great idea."