



FALLING
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The International Conference on
Future Breakthroughs in Science and Society

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS - FALLING WALLS VENTURE START-UPS *(As of April 2017)*

Who can participate?

- I. The participation at Falling Walls Venture is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Therefore, participation is allowed only once. By applying, the candidate confirms that she/he has never participated in Falling Walls Venture **as a presenter on stage** before.
- II. By the time of application, the applicants must be of full age according to their domestic legislation or older, however, no less than 18 years old.
- III. Falling Walls Venture is open to entrepreneurs and scientists whose start-ups are based on scientific research. Applications are open to all scientific disciplines. Each start-up applying directly for the Falling Walls Venture Finale in Berlin must be endorsed by a nominating institution. This can be a university, a research institution or venture capital company.
- IV. Start-ups presenting at Falling Walls Venture must be founded by the time of the event. Participants must submit a business plan.

Process

- V. All corporate partners of Falling Walls Venture Berlin have access to all application documents (all data the applicant provides including the business plan) of each applicant. Each organiser of an international Falling Walls Venture contest (hereinafter referred to as "the Local Partner") receives all application documents of applicants that applied for their respective Venture contest. There is no legal right to participation. Application materials will be archived. Personal data must not be disclosed to unauthorised other parties.
- VI. Applicants will be informed of the success of their application following the respective application deadline. Participation is obligatory for all selected participants. Should a candidate, for cause, not be able to participate in Falling Walls Venture Berlin, she/he must inform the Falling Walls Foundation or the respective Local Partner in a timely manner – at least 2 days before the event. In any case, the Local Partner is entitled to invite other applicants to the local Falling Walls Venture contest as substitute.
- VII. By applying, the participant consents to the publication of any photos or video footage taken. Denial of consent must be given in written notice 7 days prior to the event.
- VIII. The participant also consents to receiving emails related to Falling Walls events, with the option of unsubscribing either through written response or opt-out.
- IX. The determination of the Falling Walls Venture winner is subject to the jury. The jury shall make a decision at its own discretion; all decisions are final and there is no right of appeal. This applies for any international Venture contest and the Falling Walls Venture Finale.

Presentation

- X. The presentation must be given in person. You can neither give your presentation via Skype or any other video call or voice call application nor can the presentation be given by someone else than the original applicant. Groups are not allowed to present at Falling Walls Venture. Only a single person can represent the start-up, another single person the nominating institution respectively.
- XI. Selected candidates agree to give a five-minute presentation. The language of the event is English.
- XII. The presenter must use the PowerPoint template provided by the Falling Walls Foundation.
- XIII. Presentation structure: The presenter must clearly outline the problem they tackle and the entrepreneurial solution they offer. The final presentation must demonstrate the scientific research background of the enterprise.



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- XIV. The presentation shall not include indecent or unlawful content. Comments violating the free and democratic basic order (*freiheitlich demokratische Grundordnung*) may not be made public through the presentation or distributed in any other forum of the Falling Walls Foundation (including all social media channels). The presenter is not allowed to give a talk with an inflammatory political or religious agenda. Falling Walls Venture is about breaking down walls by means of science, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- XV. Every presenter's talk must be in compliance with law, especially design, patent, trademark and copyright law. The Falling Walls Foundation cannot assist with this process or act as a consultant.
- XVI. The Falling Walls Foundation and/or the Local Partner reserve the right to disqualify candidates from the event for cause. Such cause shall exist in particular in the event of breach of the candidates' obligations pursuant to sections XIV and XV.

Falling Walls Venture Finale in Berlin

- XVII. The winner of the local Venture contest travels to the Falling Walls Venture Finale on 8 November 2017 in Berlin. Participation is obligatory for the winner. Should a winner, for cause, not be able to participate in the Falling Walls Finale, she/he must inform the Falling Walls Foundation immediately.
- XVIII. The winner must hold a valid passport and arrange the visa to Germany. The Falling Walls Foundation only provides the documents necessary for the visa application process but cannot be of any further assistance. The winner is obliged to apply for any required visa right after winning the local Venture contest. Moreover, the winner is obliged to inform the Falling Walls Foundation immediately if the visa application was rejected.
- XIX. In any case, the Local Partner is entitled to invite other participants of the local Falling Walls Venture contest as substitute, usually according to the list of precedence. However, the Local Partner may appoint the substitute only with the prior written consent of Falling Walls Foundation,
- XX. **Travel:** You, the Local Partner or a third party (sponsor or partner), must cover travel expenses. The Falling Walls Foundation does not cover travel and accommodation expenses.

Liability

- XXI. At the event, the organiser assumes liability pursuant to statutory conditions. Arrival and departure are excluded from the event. No further liability shall exist. Liability is assumed by the participant in cases of damage to property or personal injury caused by the participant. Travel to Berlin is the responsibility of the participant, the event organiser is not liable for any resulting injury or damage.

By ticking the respective box on the Falling Walls Website's application formula, I confirm that I read, understood and accept the above listed terms and conditions.