

## FALLING WALLS SCIENCE SUMMIT 2021 JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Falling Walls Foundation is offering a journalism fellowship grant to support media representatives from around the world in reporting on the topics of the Falling Walls Science Summit 2021. Selected journalists will be invited to Berlin to meet international speakers and participants of the Falling Walls Science Summit during the physical event on 7-9 November 2021.

The Falling Walls Foundation calls for applications from journalists outlining their chosen topic relating to the interdisciplinary programme of the Falling Walls Science Summit 2021. Successful applicants will be invited to join an exchange with one of the festival's numerous renowned partner organisations and speakers. Reporting can take place before, during or after the Falling Walls Science Summit (7-9 November 2021).

Up to twenty media representatives will be selected. They will each receive a fellowship grant, provided by the Berlin Senate Chancellery for Higher Education and Research. The grant will be awarded as a lump sum and includes travel, accommodation and per diem expenses for the whole duration of the fellowship programme (6-10 November 2021) as well as research and reporting costs, if those apply. The fellowship grant aims to further strengthen the international public perception of Berlin as a location for scientific excellence and to contribute to the promotion of independent science journalism.

### WHO MAY APPLY?

Applications are open to media representatives from around the world with a proven track of journalist record (freelance or permanent). Applicants are expected to research and publish on a chosen topic related to the Falling Walls Science Summit. There are no restrictions on specific media areas or the form of publication.

### HOW TO APPLY?

Please send your application documents in one PDF to [press@falling-walls.com](mailto:press@falling-walls.com) by **22 October 2021, 23:59 CEST**.

### APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE:

- Cover letter and short exposé/research plan on your preferred topic, including planned publication date and media contact. Please note: **the subject of your reporting must be based on one of the event topics**. See the full list of topics below.
- Short CV of your journalistic career and – if applicable – journalism grants, awards, etc.
- Max. three examples of your journalistic work within a field of science

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### APPLICATION PROCESS

A jury of scientists and communications experts will choose and inform the successful candidates by 27 October 2021. Unfortunately, due to the high number of anticipated applications unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.

There is no legal claim to the fellowship. Applications received after 22 October 2021 will not be considered.

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Travel to Berlin is required. The provided fellowship grant includes accommodation, travel and per diem expenses and event fees, excluding any further reimbursement by the Falling Walls Foundation. The Falling Walls Foundation will take over the accommodation and travel bookings and can act as an inviting organisation for visa processes.

To make the Falling Walls Science Summit as safe as possible in times of pandemic, we have decided after intensive deliberation to only allow vaccinated - with all globally approved vaccines - and recovered guests on site. In accordance with local regulations, all guests who have not been vaccinated with a vaccine approved in Europe must provide proof of a daily antigen test. We offer this test free of charge onsite. FFP2 protective masks will be provided during the event. The venues are equipped with air filtration devices and distances are maintained in situations where the protective mask is not worn. In addition, all surfaces are regularly disinfected and cleaned.

## ABOUT FALLING WALLS SCIENCE SUMMIT

Falling Walls Science Summit is the leading forum for global science leaders with focus on science breakthroughs. The summit takes place every year in Berlin from 7 – 9 November, the anniversary day of the fall of the Berlin Wall. This holistic approach of international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral discourse is globally unique and attracts leading researchers, CTOs, science strategists, sciences funders, and media worldwide.

More: [www.falling-walls.com](http://www.falling-walls.com)

This year's speaker list includes Nobel Prize Laureate Donna Strickland, Özlem Türeci (BioNTech), Stefanie Arndt und Markus Rex (MOSAIC expedition/ Alfred Wegener Institute), Michèle Lamont (Harvard University), David Stark (Columbia University) and others.

The programme of the Falling Walls Science Summit 2021 will be published by mid-October at <https://falling-walls.com/>

## FALLING WALLS SCIENCE SUMMIT 2021 TOPICS

Please choose up to three topics that you would like to report on:

- Discovering Earth & Space Art and Science
- Engineering and Technology
- Climate Crisis & Sustainability
- Discovering Earth & Space
- Future Learning
- Health & Wellbeing
- Life Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Science and Innovation Management
- Science Engagement
- Sciencepreneurship
- Social Sciences and Humanities

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