

Terms and Conditions – Falling Walls Women Breakthrough Award 2023 (As of April 2023)

Who can participate?

I. By opting in to Women Breakthrough Award 2023, nominees confirm that their work has never been presented on the Falling Walls Breakthrough Stage before. Nominees can be nominated again with a different project /research topic.

II. At the time of nomination, the nominees must be of full age according to their domestic legislation or older, however, no less than 18 years old.

III. Nominations are open to all scientific disciplines, including the arts.

IV. All rights to the presented work should be held by the awardee and be public before the submission/presentation to Falling Walls. By presenting on the Falling Walls Stage, presenters guarantee that their research methods and academic practices adhere to legal standards and established ethical values.

Process

V. The distinguished jury of the three categories of the Women Breakthrough Award will have access to all submitted documents of each nominee (all data the participant provides). Likewise, all members of a pre-selection committee, if existent, will have access to the documents. Nomination materials will be archived by Falling Walls. Personal data may not be disclosed to unauthorized third parties.

VI. Nominees will be informed of the success of their nomination following the respective nomination deadline. All decisions made by the pre-selection committee are final and there is no right of appeal. Should a participant, for cause, not be able to participate in Falling Walls events, they must inform the Falling Walls Foundation in a timely manner. The Falling Walls Foundation has the right to invite other nominee/awardee as a substitute.

VII. The nominee/awardee is aware and agrees that during any presentation, video and photo footage will be made to be published on the Falling Walls website, the website of sponsoring partners and be made available for media. Moreover, Falling Walls receives a non-exclusive license to use the presented material in whole or in part, provided that the name of the presenter is stated in the context of the use. Such photos and video footage and presented material may be used in various media (i.e., social media, internet/website, press releases, newsletters, brochures, and printed materials).

VIII. The Falling Walls Foundation will send you emails on events and activities of Falling Walls. You can at any time unsubscribe without charges either through written response or opt-out.

IX. The determination of the awardees of the Women Breakthroughs Award 2023 in each category of the Women Breakthrough Award 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.

Winner Visibility

X. The awardees may be asked to present their work in a video or other media. By submitting the content, the awardee consents to the publication (as a whole and in parts) via social media, in newsletters and on our growing content library at www.falling-walls.com, as well as on YouTube and the platforms of our partners. By submitting the content, the awardee further confirms that they own the usage rights of all material in the content (e.g. photos, videos, music). Falling Walls reserves the right to adjust the content in length and according to our Falling Walls brand identity. The language of the Falling Walls Foundation is English.

XI. The content shall not include indecent or unlawful material. Comments violating the free and democratic basic order may not be made public through the content or distributed in any other forum of the Falling Walls Foundation (including all social media channels).

XII. Awardees are not allowed to include content with an inflammatory political or religious agenda.

XIII. Awardees' content must be in compliance with the law, especially design, patent, trademark and copyright law. Awardee must clear any third-party material before their presentation at the Falling Walls Foundation. The Falling Walls Foundation cannot be held responsible for a participant's violation of the law and cannot assist with this process or act as a consultant.

XIV. The Falling Walls Foundation reserves the right to disqualify awardees from the event for cause. Such cause shall exist in particular in the event of breach of the nominees' obligations pursuant to sections XII to XIV or the eligibility criteria (I to IV).

The Women Breakthrough Award

XV. The awardee of the Women Breakthrough Award in each category may be invited to attend the Falling Walls Science Summit in November 2023. This is subject to local and international travel regulations and the developments in the Covid-19 pandemic situation or other unforeseen major causes. The decision will be made in a timely manner at the Falling Walls Foundation's discretion.

XVI. The awardee of the Women Breakthrough Award 2023 must hold a valid passport and apply for any required visa to Germany right after receiving the award and the letter of invitation to Falling Walls Science Summit 2023 in Berlin. The Falling Walls Foundation can provide an official invitation but cannot be of any further assistance in the visa application process. Moreover, the awardee are obliged to inform the Falling Walls Foundation immediately if the visa application was rejected.

XVII. Travel: Travel stipends are available in selected categories to cover the travel cost of the awardee (single person who presents the Breakthrough on stage in Berlin).

XVIII. Accommodation: The Falling Walls Foundation will cover accommodation costs for the awardee's stay in Berlin for at least 3 nights from 7-10 November 2023 at its partner hotel (single person). Any additional nights of accommodation must be covered and organised by the participants.

Liability

XIX. At the event, the organizer assumes liability pursuant to statutory conditions. No further liability shall exist. By ticking the respective box in the nomination form for the Falling Walls Women Breakthrough Award, I confirm that I have read, understood and accept the above listed terms and conditions.

Nomination Process for the Falling Walls Women Breakthrough Award 2023

I. Corporate partners of the respective Award category have access to the application documents (data the applicant provides) of each applicant. Likewise, members of the pre-selection process and jury members of the respective Award category have access to the full application documents. There is no legal right to participation. Application materials will be archived for 5 years in order to cross-check whether newly received applications were submitted by previous presenters and to document the permission to use material as stated above. Personal data may not be disclosed to unauthorized third parties.

II. Nominations have to be submitted by the date stipulated on the Falling Walls Foundation's website. Any nomination which has been submitted later than the aforementioned deadline will not be considered.

III. The Falling Walls Foundation may involve the nominating institution at a later stage within the scope of the Falling Walls events.

IV. Nominees will be informed about the outcome of their nomination following the respective submission deadline. All decisions made by pre-selection committees are final and there is no right of appeal.

V. The awardee may be invited to attend the Falling Walls Science Summit in Berlin from 7-9 November in person. Selected nominees will be informed of any changes to the events in due time. Should a nominee, for cause, not be able to participate in the live formats of Falling Walls, they must inform the Falling Walls Foundation in a timely manner. The Falling Walls Foundation reserves the right to invite a different nominee as a suitable replacement or invite the awardee to participate remotely.

VI. The determination of the Falling Walls Women Breakthrough Award in each category 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.

VIII. The nominating institution consents to receiving emails related to Falling Walls events, with the option of unsubscribing either through written response or opt-out. By ticking the respective box in the nomination form for the Falling Walls Women Breakthrough Award of the Year, I confirm that I have read, understood, and accept the above listed terms and conditions.

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