

FALLING WALLS SCIENCE SUMMIT



FALLING WALLS VENTURE

GLOBAL CALL FOR BREAKTHROUGHS IN THE SCIENCE START-UPS CATEGORY

Are you a founder of a pioneering science-based start-up? Or do you know a groundbreaking venture transforming cutting-edge research into real-world impact? This is your opportunity to bring it to the global stage. Falling Walls Venture is an international pitch competition connecting founders to investors and corporates. We spotlight founders who have successfully turned science into business, tackling today's most pressing challenges.

Submit your nomination(s) from
2 February to 15 April 2026 at falling-walls.com/global-call/

ABOUT FALLING WALLS

Since 2009, the Falling Walls Science Summit has been a global forum for scientific breakthroughs. Every year, leading researchers, innovators and thought leaders come together to discuss transformative ideas and answer the central question: "Which are the next walls to fall in science and society?"

As part of the Global Call for Science Breakthroughs, we're looking for the **Falling Walls Science Breakthrough of the Year in the Science Start-ups category**. Every year, (academic) institutions around the world nominate their best science start-ups for this award. Our scientific Advisory Board will select 25 Finalists who will pitch their start-ups at the Falling Walls Science Summit from 6–9 November in Berlin, gaining international recognition among leading academics, policymakers, and industry experts. A distinguished Jury, chaired by Stefan von Holtzbrinck, will then award the Winners.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR START-UPS THAT:

- are based on **scientific research** (e.g. biotech, data & AI, cleantech, new materials, engineering, healthcare, food & agriculture);
- were **founded after 1 Jan 2021** and are already incorporated;
- already have a prototype / proof of concept.
- Each start-up **must be endorsed by a nominating institution**. This can be a university, a research institution, or another type of organisation, like an accelerator or incubator.

Past Finalists and Winners include: Proxima Fusion, Lumaj, T3 Pharmaceuticals, Merus, Sparxell, Synhelion, Air Company, and Traceless Materials.

More about Venture: falling-walls.com/venture

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

We invite you to share this opportunity within your professional and academic networks. Your support is instrumental in identifying and promoting groundbreaking science-based startups that drive innovation and create lasting impact.

WHAT GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS SAY

"I've been on a range of juries, but I've rarely seen so many high-quality technical ideas that have been tested like I have here."

Cyriac Roeding, Co-Founder and CEO of Earli, Jury Member 2025, Investor

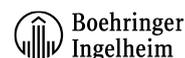
"Falling Walls Venture was a game-changing weekend in our company history. We got so much attention and awareness during the conference and afterwards."

Hans Maria Heyn, CEO and Co-Founder of Collimate Health, Winner 2025

"Falling Walls is the best event in Europe when it comes to early-stage development."

Michiel Scheffer, President, European Innovation Council

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