



FALLING WALLS GLOBAL CALL 2025 SCIENCE START-UPS

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 to showcase the entrepreneurial potential in science. We spotlight founders who have successfully turned science into business, tackling today's most pressing challenges.

Submit your nomination(s)* from 3 March to 15 May 2025 at falling-walls.com/global-call/

ABOUT THE FALLING WALLS SCIENCE SUMMIT

Since 2009, the Falling Walls Science Summit has served as a leading international forum for scientific progress. Each year, distinguished researchers, innovators, and thought leaders convene to explore the central question: "Which are the next walls to fall in science and society?"

As part of the Falling Walls Global Call, we are looking for the Science Breakthrough of the Year in the Science Start-ups category. 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.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

The Science Start-ups category showcases innovative ventures that have translated breakthrough scientific thinking into promising business models. It focuses on three key areas: Engineering of the Future, Sustainability, and Health Solutions. We are looking for exceptional start-ups that ...

- are based on pioneering scientific research.
- are endorsed by a nominating institution.
- were founded after 1 Jan 2020 and are already incorporated.
- already have a prototype / proof of concept.

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

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.

* Start-ups must be endorsed before they can apply. Nominations can be submitted by institutions, such as universities, research institutes, companies and other organisations.

WHAT GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS SAY

"More than 20 of the brightest minds on the planet."
BBC

"Being part of Falling Walls Venture is a very big sign of recognition that I'm doing the right thing."
Salma Tammam, Reme-D, Pitcher 2024

"These ideas could dramatically transform life worldwide."
Scientific American

"This is a truly global event"
Carl-Henrik Heldin, Chairman of the Board, Nobel Foundation

"A great way of meeting and learning from a range of exciting and interesting and well informed people."
Maria Leptin, President, European Research Council

"The best-organized conference I've ever been to."
Shankar Balasubramanian, University of Cambridge

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