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WALLS
FOUNDATION**

FALLING WALLS VENTURE

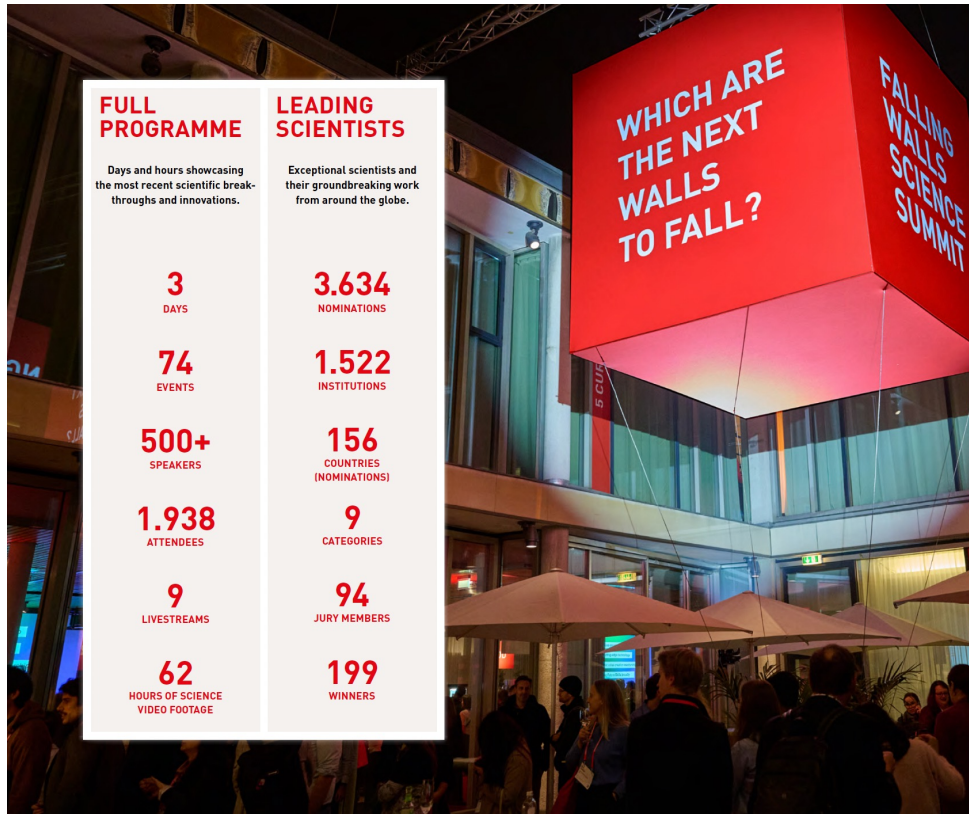
Onboarding Webinar 2025

FALLING WALLS FOUNDATION

A large crowd of people is gathered around the Berlin Wall, which is covered in graffiti. In the background, the Brandenburg Gate is visible under a clear blue sky. The scene is filled with people of various ages and ethnicities, some standing on the wall, some climbing it, and others watching. The overall atmosphere is one of historical significance and public celebration.

WHICH ARE
THE NEXT WALLS TO FALL
IN SCIENCE AND SOCIETY?

PLATFORM

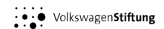
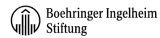
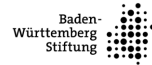
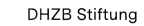


149 COUNTRIES – A WORLDWIDE AUDIENCE

People from around the world gather, both virtually and in person, to participate in the inspiring Falling Walls Science Summit.



PARTNERS



MEDIA PARTNERS

MEDIA OVERVIEW

REPRESENTED MEDIA FALLING WALLS SCIENCE SUMMIT



**FALLING WALLS
SCIENCE SUMMIT
6-9 NOVEMBER 2025**

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6 NOVEMBER 2025

JURY 2025



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PITCH COMPETITION



**SCIENCE BREAKTHROUGH OF THE YEAR 2025
IN THE SCIENCE START-UPS CATEGORY**

FINALISTS 2025

CLUSTER 1: SUSTAINABILITY

START-UP	COUNTRY	PITCHER	NOMINATING INSTITUTION
TURN2X	Germany	Benedikt Stolz	BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt
Unbound Potential	Switzerland	David Taylor	ETH Zurich
FluoRok	United Kingdom	Gabriele Pupo	Oxford University Innovation
Phlair	Germany	Malte Feucht	Stella Capital GmbH
Nat4Bio	Argentina	Leandro Sanchez	GRIDX
re.solution	Germany	Amrei Becker	Volkswagen Foundation
Ceal Minerals	Israel	Mati Shani	Technion – Israel Institute of Technology
Neggst	Germany	Verónica García-Arteaga	Embassy of Mexico in Germany

FINALISTS 2025

CLUSTER 2: ENGINEERING OF THE FUTURE

START-UP	COUNTRY	PITCHER	NOMINATING INSTITUTION
MatNex	United Kingdom	Richard Tomsett	G-Force
eleQtron	Germany	Michael Johanning	Universität Siegen
Belfort	Belgium	Michiel Van Beirendonck	KU Leuven
PULSETRAIN	Germany	Niclas Lehnert	BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt
BTRY	Switzerland	Abdessalem Aribia	Empa – Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Science and Technology
SOLVE Chemistry	United Kingdom	Jose Pablo Folch	Chemovator GmbH (BASF)
Roofline	Germany	Thomas Zimmermann	RWTH Aachen University
Lumai	United Kingdom	Xianxin Guo	LIFTT

FINALISTS 2025

CLUSTER 3: HEALTH SOLUTIONS

START-UP	COUNTRY	PITCHER	NOMINATING INSTITUTION
Mallia Therapeutics	Germany	Alexander Steinkasserer	Flixfounders 3 GmbH & Co. KG
Scarlet Therapeutics	United Kingdom	Alistair Irvine	SCVC
o11 biomedical	Germany	Caroline Kniebs	RWTH Aachen University
DermR Health	Australia	Stefan Mazy	The Actuator Operations Ltd.
collimateHealth	Germany	Hans Maria Heyn	Technical University Munich
Hera Biotech	United States of America	Somer Baburek	Embassy of Mexico in Germany
BioThrust	Germany	Konstantin Kurz	RWTH Aachen University
NurExone	Israel	Lior Shaltiel	Technion – Israel Institute of Technology
Allogenetics	Germany	Rainer Blasczyk	Niedersachsen.next

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW 6-9 NOV

5 NOV (Wednesday)

6 NOV (Thursday)

7 NOV (Friday)

8 NOV (Saturday)

9 NOV (Sunday)

10 NOV (Monday)

ARRIVAL

Welcome to Berlin!

@ Hotel Park Inn
Berlin Alexanderplatz

Check-in
from 3.00 pm

FALLING WALLS VENTURE

@ Falling Walls
Science House

8.00 am:
Briefing

9.00 am – 6.00 pm:
Start-up Pitches,
Reverse Pitches &
Joint Awards
Ceremony

SCIENCEPRENEURS NIGHT

@ MERANTIX AI
CAMPUS

Bus transfer and
registration from 7.00
pm

SUMMIT FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

@ Falling Walls
Science House

Falling Walls Circle
Formats

EVENING RECEPTION

@ Falling Walls
Science House

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

FALLING WALLS CIRCLE

@ Falling Walls
Science House

8.30 am – 6.00 pm:
Falling Walls Circle
Formats

JOINT NETWORKING

@ Falling Walls
Science House
4.30 pm – 6.00 pm

EVENING RECEPTION

@ Falling Walls
Science House

6.00 pm – 10.00 pm

FALLING WALLS SCIENCE BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR 2025

@ Falling Walls
Science House

9.00 am – 6.00 pm:
Science Breakthrough
pitches (including the
Science Breakthrough
of the Year 2025 in the
Science Start-ups
category)

CLOSING REMARKS & FAREWELL DRINKS

@ Falling Walls
Science House

6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

DEPARTURE

@Berlin

Check-out until 12.00
pm

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW 6 NOV

07.30 am – 08.00 am	Registration and Breakfast @ Falling Walls Science House
08.00 am – 08.45 am	BRIEFING @ Franklin (for pitchers and representatives of nominating institutions)
09.00 am – 09.30 am	Welcome and Introductory Remarks
09.30 am – 11.00 am	PITCH SESSION 1 – Sustainability
11.00 am – 11.30 am	Coffee Break
11.30 am – 01.00 pm	PITCH SESSION 2 – Engineering of the Future
01.00 pm – 02.00 pm	Lunch Break
02.00 pm – 04.00 pm	PITCH SESSION 3 – Health Solutions
04.00 pm – 05.00 pm	VC INTRODUCTIONS REVERSE PITCHES parallel: Jury Session
05.00 pm – 05.30 pm	Refreshments & Networking
05.45 pm – 06.30 pm	JOINT AWARDS CEREMONY
07.00 pm – 10.30 pm	SCIENCEPRENEURS NIGHT @ Merantix AI Campus

LOCATIONS

FALLING WALLS SCIENCE HOUSE



MERANTIX AI CAMPUS



HOTEL PARK INN BERLIN ALEXANDERPLATZ

Check-in: 3 pm | Check-out: 12 pm

YOUR PITCH SESSION

1. Intro by Nominating Institution | **1 min**
2. Your pitch presentation | **5 min**
3. Q&A with Jury & audience | **4 min**

Timing
is strict!



Dress code
suggestion:
smart casual

INTRO BY NOMINATING INSTITUTION

- Nominator introduces the start-up on stage or via pre-recorded video
- No specific slides
- 1 min

The intro includes:

- Very brief introduction of Representative & Nominating Institution
- Why did they nominate the start-up?
- Why should the start-up become the Science Breakthrough of the Year 2025 in the Science Start-ups Category?

Nominating Institutions have received a briefing.

YOUR PITCH PRESENTATION

Content:

- Problem & Solution
- Innovation & Business Model
- Market & Competition → include some key metrics
- Traction & Achievements
- Vision & Scalability
- Investment & Use of Funds
- Team & Organisation

Find a good balance between storytelling and depth of information!

Include facts, metrics, and key aspects of your technology!

If you have prototypes or props – show them!

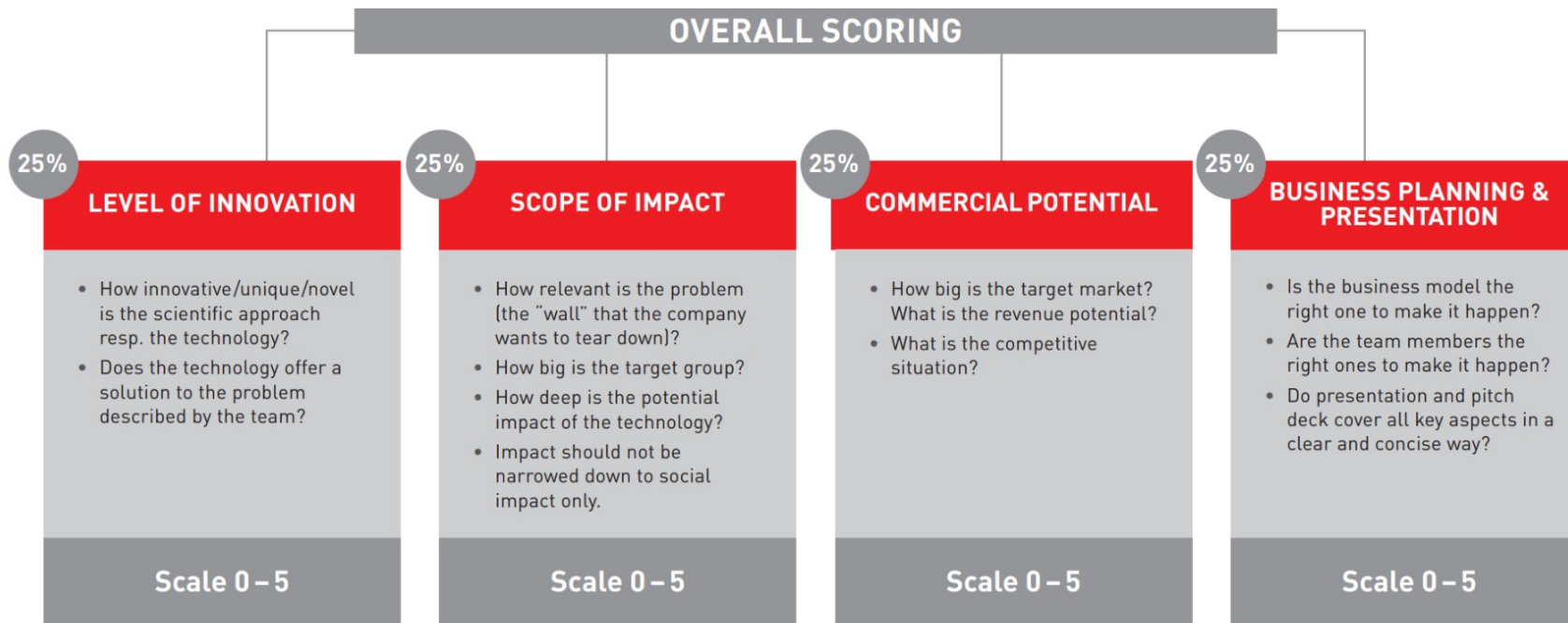
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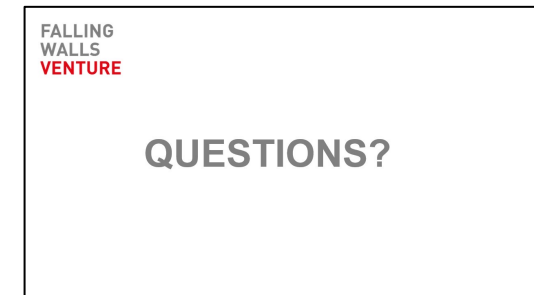
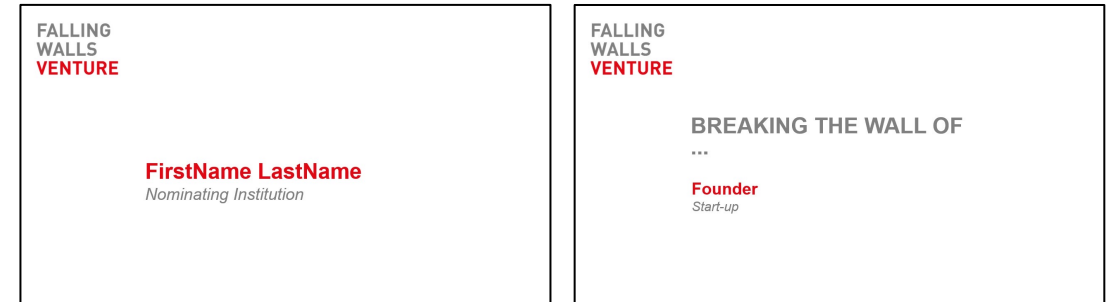
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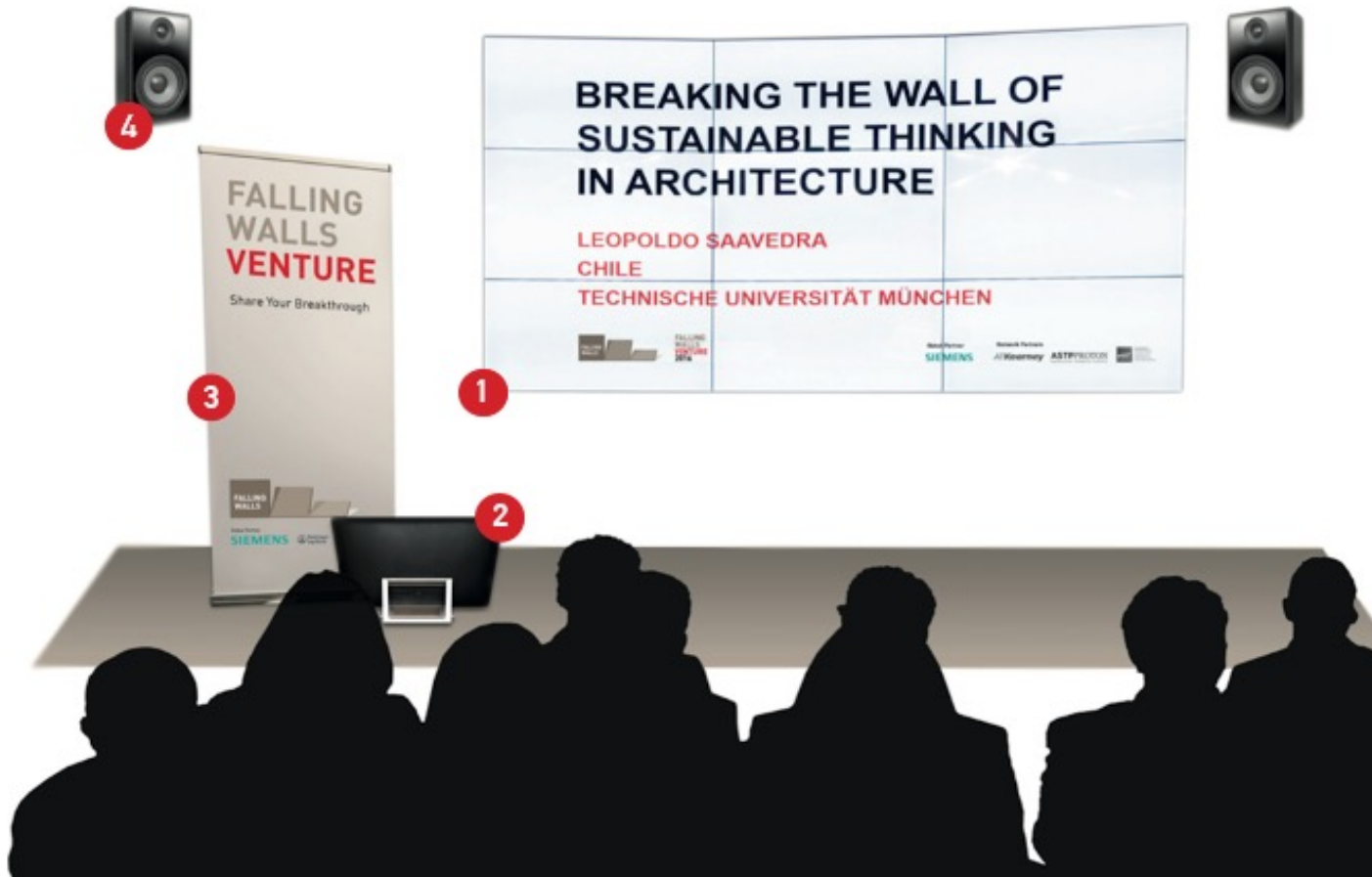
5 MINUTES

- **2 Intro Slides** | layout is fixed and prepared by us
- **Your Content Slides** | for you to fill in
 - We recommend about 5 slides
 - 16:9 ratio
 - Videos / audio only in common file formats, preferably **no YouTube links**
- **1 Question Slide** | layout is fixed and prepared by us



Please let us know if your slides contain sound!

STAGE & TECHNICAL SET-UP



PITCH COACHING

Coach: Pascal Heyman, Berlin Speaking

- Individual Pitch Training (40 min)

Please have your complete 5-min pitch ready for the Individual Pitch Training. The coaching will simulate the actual pitch and give you feedback.

NEXT STEPS

In the meantime | Prepare your pitch and presentation slides

20 Sept – 10 Oct | Individual Pitch Training

15 Oct | Submission deadline for final presentation slides

| SEPTEMBER

ONBOARDING WEBINAR
09/09

INDIVIDUAL CALLS
(OPTIONAL)

| OCTOBER

1:1 PITCH COACHING
20/09-10/10

HAND IN PRESENTATION
SLIDES 15/10

| NOVEMBER

FALLING WALLS VENTURE
6/11

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