

Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation 2025 on November 7, 2025, hosted by Falling Walls in Berlin

This year's Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation (Summit for Research and Innovation) will take place on November 7th, 2025, hosted by the Falling Walls Foundation as part of the Falling Walls Science Summit, providing an ideal bridge between national and international perspectives. The Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation (Research and Innovation Summit) is jointly organized by Stifterverband, the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, the Commission of Experts for Research and Innovation (Expertenkommission Forschung und Innovation - EFI), and Volkswagen Foundation (VolkswagenStiftung).

Berlin, Germany, 03 June 2025 – Hosted by the Falling Walls Foundation, this year's Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation (Summit for Research and Innovation) will take place as part of the Falling Walls Science Summit 2025 to connect national and international perspectives. Organized by four of Germany's most influential science and innovation institutions, this high-ranking event will bring together leaders from research, politics, industry and society for an essential dialogue on the future of science and innovation.

The Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation (Summit for Research and Innovation) fits perfectly with Falling Walls' rich programme, with high-intensity pitch presentations on 6 November, expert talks and roundtables from 7-9 November, and the presentation of the Science Breakthroughs of the Year on 9 November. The Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation (Summit for Research and Innovation) addresses pressing questions about how Germany and Europe can enhance their research and innovation ecosystems amidst shifting geopolitical dynamics and growing international competition.

By conducting this year's Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation (Summit for Research and Innovation) in the context of the Falling Walls Science Summit, we aim to share insights most broadly, and to deepen the connection between scientific breakthroughs, innovation policy and societal transformation on a national, European and global scale.

About the Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation (Summit for Research and Innovation)

Since 2015, the Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation (Summit for Research and Innovation) has annually brought together high-ranking figures from business, academia, civil society, and politics to find answers to current questions and challenges in research and innovation policy. The Gipfel für Forschung und Innovation (Summit for Research and Innovation) is organized by the Stifterverband, the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina, the Commission of Experts for Research and Innovation (Expertenkommission Forschung und Innovation - EFI), and the Volkswagen Foundation (VolkswagenStiftung). As an interdisciplinary forum, it promotes dialogue and networking and has established itself as a platform for high-level exchange on innovation and research policy in Berlin. Its goal is to strengthen Germany as a center of innovation-based value creation and scientific breakthroughs. www.forschungsgipfel.de



About the Falling Walls Science Summit

Since its inception in 2009, the Falling Walls Science Summit has become a premier international forum for scientific breakthroughs and interdisciplinary dialogue. Held annually in Berlin from 7–9 November, the Summit commemorates the fall of the Berlin Wall by bringing together global leaders to explore how science can shape a sustainable future. With its key formats—Falling Walls Pitches, Falling Walls Circle, and Falling Walls Science Breakthroughs—the Summit fosters collaboration among academia, industry, politics, and civil society to drive transformative change. The event is organized by the non-profit Falling Walls Foundation. More information: falling-walls.com



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