# FALLING WALLS LAB



**WHICH ARE THE NEXT WALLS TO FALL?**

# THREE MINUTES IS ALL IT TAKES!

**2500+ Applications from 104 countries // 74 International Labs in 58 Countries // 100 winners at Global Finale // 1300 Alumni since 2011**

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Falling Walls Lab is a world-class pitch competition that brings together a diverse and interdiciplinary pool of students and early-career professionals by providing a stage for their breakthrough ideas both globally and locally.

Each year, renowned academic institutions around the world organise their own Falling Walls Labs to showcase the quality, diversity, and passion of their region's most innovative minds. In three minutes each, participants try to convince a high-calibre jury of their solutions to some of the most pressing challenges of our time.
The breakthrough factor and potential impact of the presented work help determine the winner, who qualifies for the global finale in Berlin on 7 November and wins a ticket to attend the Falling Walls Science Summit, where they get to interact with the world's movers and shakers of science, business, and policymaking.

During their multi-day stay in Berlin, the international Lab winners take part in a broad extended programme that includes a coaching session, expert workshops on a broad range of topics such as career development, entrepreneurial skills, and academic publishing, a tour of local academic institutions and events hosted by our partners, including the German Research Foundation, Springer Nature and various embassies.

At the global finale, the international Lab winners compete to become the Breakthrough Winner in the Emerging Talents category of Falling Walls Science Summit. They take home the title and prize money, and receive the opportunity to pitch their idea once again two days later on the Falling Walls Breakthroughs of the Year stage, with leading experts, changemakers, and luminaries, including Nobel laureates and Leibniz Prize winners.

**Join us as a partner to network with the next generations brilliant minds!**

Falling Walls Lab is organised by the Falling Walls Foundation and is supported by the Museum für Naturkunde, Springer Nature, Sartorius, the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).
The international network of Falling Walls Labs includes renowned academic institutions from 100 countries. The ETH Zürich, National University of Singapore, and University of Cape Town are only a few of the universities that have recently hosted a Falling Walls Lab. Since the beginning in 2011 more than 1300 Alumnis joined the Falling Walls networks.

The **Falling Walls Foundation** is a non-profit organisation in Berlin, dedicated to supporting science and the humanities. It is a unique international platform for leaders from the worlds of science, business and politics, the arts, and society. Falling Walls fosters discussion on research and innovation, and promotes the latest scientific findings among a broad audience from all parts of society.

**WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAY**

Attending FallingWalls2024 in Berlin and meeting so many inspiring young minds has rekindled my optimism. It was inspiring to see their passion, innovation, and drive in action, with so many projects addressing significant global challenges and pushing the boundaries of science and society.
**Jan-Moritz Bogdanovic, Falling Walls Lab Cambridge 2024 Organizer**

The diversity of nationalities and ideas at the Falling Walls Science Summit reimagines my hope for a global future in AI, medicine, and sustainable energy for all
**Pewee Koluhbah, 2024 Falling Walls Science Breakthrough of the Year, 2nd place**

To see these young innovative thinkers leverage their expertise and learnings, trying to solve big picture problems, is always exciting and inspirational.
**Sven Wagner, Head of Business Development, Sartorius & Falling Walls Lab Jury Member**

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