

FALLING WALLS LAB

FAQ FOR FALLING WALLS LAB FINALISTS

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Travel

Local Transportation

Will transportation to/from the event venues be provided?

No. Please take care of all of your transport yourself. All the venue addresses are listed in the download section (Step 1). The only journeys we do together are the following:

- a) On the 6th of November, the day of the Falling Walls Lab Global Finale, we will walk together from the partner hotel to the Falling Walls Science House in the morning.
- b) On the 10th of November, our partner, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) will provide a bus transfer from the hotel to the Research Insight Day programme and return you to the hotel afterwards.

Public Transportation

I need help figuring out public transportation from point A to point B in Berlin (e.g. airport to hotel). Where can I find it?

Using google maps for directions works pretty well. Enter your departure and arrival point, click the button "directions" and then choose the public transport icon next to the car icon. It will give you all the upcoming trip connections.

You can also visit Berlin's public transportation (BVG) website:

<https://www.bvg.de/en>. There, simply enter where you are, where you want to go, and what day/time you wish to travel, and the site will provide you with fare information.

Travelling with infants/toddlers

I will be travelling with my young child and need certain accommodations. What should I do?

Please contact your local organiser and let them know that you will be travelling with your infant/toddler. Together, contact the Falling Walls Lab team in Berlin to help accommodate your needs during your trip.

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Travelling with others

May I travel to the finale with my spouse/family/research partner/etc.?

We want you to make the most of your time in Berlin. To fully benefit from the networking opportunities with others and take full advantage of the programme we have set up for you, we strongly recommend travelling on your own during this trip. Your schedule while in Berlin will be busy and fun, and there will be little to no time to spend with friends/family. We therefore recommend that, if you nevertheless want to travel with others, you add days to the end of your trip and discover Berlin with them after the conclusion of all Falling Walls events. Regardless, if you need to book a double room for your time in Berlin, please let your local organiser and the Falling Walls Team know. Falling Walls will then reserve a double room for you subject to availability. Please note that you will have to pay for the additional costs at the front desk of the hotel upon check-in.

Hotel

Appliances

I need a hairdryer, iron, etc. What should I do?

Please discuss this matter with the hotel employees at the front desk of your hotel.

Breakfast

Is breakfast included at the hotel?

Yes, breakfast is included in your hotel reservation. For further information, please talk to hotel employees at the front desk of the hotel.

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Food/Drink

Dietary restrictions

*I am a vegetarian/halal/vegan/etc. and/or have other dietary restrictions (gluten free, etc.).
What should I do?*

There will always be a variety of vegetarian food options available at our venues. Meals there will be served in a buffet style, so you will be able to put your own meal together. However, if you remain worried regarding your dietary needs, please feel free to bring your own food to the venues.

Finale

Dress code

What will the dress code be at the finale?

The dress codes will be listed on the right side of the detailed programme. The dress code at the finale is listed as smart casual, though, above all else, please make sure that you are comfortable and confident in whatever you choose to wear.

Friends, Family, Colleagues

Can my friend/family/colleague attend the finale?

Additional tickets cannot be provided to international Lab Finalists free of charge. We do offer reduced price tickets for your friends and family. Please ask us about that option if you are interested.

As many of you travel a long way, the easiest might be for your friends and family to watch the livestream of the Falling Walls Lab Global Finale. We will share access to the livestream with you shortly before the Falling Walls Science Summit in this download section.

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Presentation

Clicker

What will the clicker to move the PowerPoint presentation forward look like?

A photo of the clicker is available in the download section.

Presentation Title

May I change the title of my presentation for the finale?

Yes, you may change the title of your presentation compared to the title you used in the local Lab. However, the topic of your presentation has to remain the same, so only small changes will be accepted. The final title will be listed in various printing materials. For that reason, it should not exceed 45 characters (incl. spaces and "Breaking the Wall of"). You will submit your title when filling out the Finalist form and with your PowerPoint presentation. After that, your presentation title can not be changed anymore.

Time

How much time will I have for my pitch?

You will have 3:00 min. for your pitch. Unlike at the international Labs, there will be NO time set aside for questions, so you should use the entire three minutes for your pitch. The timer will start after your presentation is announced. It is important to stick to this time limit.

Misc.

Weather

What is the weather like in Berlin in November? What clothes should I pack?

Berlin in November is COLD!!

You can expect an average high temperature of 8°C (46°F) and an average low temperature of 3°C (37°F). However, this is just a monthly average, and weather is famously unpredictable. Sunshine, rain, and snow are all possible in Berlin during November. Please check the weather report ahead of time and pack accordingly.

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Additional questions

My question is not listed here. Whom do I contact?

For additional questions, please contact your local organiser and/or Sarah from the Falling Walls Lab Team (sarah.deventer@falling-walls.com) for assistance.