

ABOUT THE FALLING WALLS LAB GREAT MINDS, 3 MINUTES, 1 DAY

Falling Walls Lab is a world-class pitch competition, networking forum, and stepping stone that brings together a diverse and interdisciplinary pool of students, researchers, and early-career professionals by providing a stage for breakthrough ideas both globally and locally. Our multifaceted formats support our participants in driving their innovations and develop their communication skills, fostering collaboration and creating a space for our impactful and sustainable community to thrive.

CONCEPT

Each year, renowned academic institutions around the world are invited to host their own Falling Walls Lab 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.

Past presentations have ranged in topic from 'Breaking the Wall of Cancer with a Fruit Fly' to 'Breaking the Wall of Energy Insecurity in Africa'. 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 Conference, where they get to interact with the world's movers and shakers of science, business, and policy-making. At the Finale, up to 100 Finalists compete to become the Breakthrough Winner in the Emerging Talents category of Falling Walls, taking home the title and prize money, and receiving the opportunity to pitch their idea once again on the grand stage of the Falling Walls Conference.

PARTICIPANTS

The international network of Falling Walls Labs includes renowned academic institutions from over 60 countries. New York University, the ETH Zurich, Tohoku University, and the University of Cape Town are only a few of the universities that have recently participated in the Falling Walls Lab programme.

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The **Falling Walls Foundation** is a non-profit organisation in Berlin, dedicated to the support of 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. The Foundation is supported by the German Ministry of Education and Research, the Helmholtz Association, the Robert Bosch Stiftung and numerous other acclaimed academic institutions, foundations, companies, non-governmental organisations and prominent individuals.

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