

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS - FALLING WALLS LAB SCHOLARS *(As of December 2018)*

### Who can participate?

- I. The participation at the Falling Walls Lab is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Therefore, the participation is allowed only once. By applying, the candidate confirms that she/he has never participated in a Falling Walls Lab as a presenter on stage before.
- II. By the time of application, the applicants must be of full age according to their domestic legislation or older, however, no less than 18 years old.
- III. If you are not currently enrolled in university as a Postdoc or a student, your Bachelor's degree may not date back more than 10 years, Master's degree not longer than 7 years, and your PhD not longer than 5 years.

### Process

- IV. All sponsoring partners of the Falling Walls Lab Berlin have access to all application documents (all data the applicant provides) of each applicant for potential recruitment purposes. Each international Lab organiser (i.e. German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), academic institution, science academy etc.) receives all application documents of applicants that applied for their respective Lab. The juries of all international Falling Walls Labs and of the Falling Walls Lab Finale have access to all application documents. There is no legal right to participation. Personal data must not be disclosed to unauthorised other parties.
- V. Names and email contacts of all Falling Walls Lab presenters worldwide will be archived indefinitely in order to crosscheck whether newly received applications were submitted by previous presenters.
- VI. Applicants will be informed of the success of their application following the respective application deadline. Participation is obligatory for all selected participants. Should a candidate, for cause, not be able to participate in the Falling Walls Lab, she/he must inform the Falling Walls Foundation or the organisers of the respective Falling Walls Lab (hereinafter referred to as "the Local Partner") in a timely manner – at least 2 days before the event. In any case, the Local Partner is entitled to invite other applicants to the local Falling Walls Lab as substitute.
- VII. By applying, the participant consents to the publication of any photos or video footage taken. The participant also agrees to the use of any photos and video footage taken for marketing and reporting purposes. Photos and Video Footage may be used in various media (i.e. social media, internet/website, press releases, newsletters, brochures and printed materials). Denial of consent must be given in written notice 7 days prior to the event.
- VIII. The participant also consents to receiving emails related to Falling Walls events, with the option of unsubscribing either through written response or opt-out.
- IX. The determination of the Falling Walls Lab winner(s) is subject to the jury. The jury shall make a decision at its own discretion; all decisions are final and there is no right of appeal. This applies for any international Lab and the Falling Walls Lab Finale. The prize cannot be paid as a cash lump sum.

### Presentation

- X. The presentation must be given in person. You can neither give your presentation via Skype or any other video call or voice call application nor can the presentation be given by someone else than the original applicant. Groups are not allowed to present at a Falling Walls Lab. Only a single person can apply and present.
- XI. Selected candidates agree to give a three-minute presentation. The language of the event is English.
- XII. Each presenter has 3 slides: 1 introductory slide with name, institution and title of the presentation, and 2 content slides. The presenter must use the PowerPoint template provided by the Falling Walls Foundation.
- XIII. Presentation structure: Presenter must clearly outline the problem they tackle and the solution they offer. If the project is a group effort, only one person can apply and participate as the presenter. The final presentation must

spotlight the presenter's individual contribution.

- XIV. The presentation shall not include indecent or unlawful content. Comments violating the free and democratic basic order may not be made public through the presentation or distributed in any other forum of the Falling Walls Foundation (including all social media channels).  
The presenters are not allowed to give talks with an inflammatory political or religious agenda. The Falling Walls Lab is about breaking down walls by means of science, innovation and development.
- XV. Every presenter's talk must be in compliance with law, especially design, patent, trademark and copyright law. Presenters must clear any third-party material before their presentation at a Falling Walls Lab. The Falling Walls Foundation cannot be held responsible for a presenter's violation of the law and cannot assist with this process or act as a consultant.
- XVI. The Falling Walls Foundation and/or the Local Partner reserve the right to disqualify candidates from the event for cause. Such cause shall exist in particular in the event of breach of the candidates' obligations pursuant to sections XIII and XIV.

#### Falling Walls Lab Finale in Berlin

- XVII. The winner of the local lab travels to the Falling Walls Lab Finale on 8 November 2018 in Berlin. Participation is obligatory for the winner. Should a winner, for cause, not be able to participate in the Falling Walls Finale, she/he must inform the Falling Walls Foundation immediately.
- XVIII. The winner must hold a valid passport and arrange the visa to Germany. The Falling Walls Foundation only provides the documents necessary for the visa application process but cannot be of any further assistance. The winner is obliged to apply for any required visa right after winning the local lab. Moreover, the winner is obliged to inform Falling Walls Foundation immediately if the visa application will be rejected.
- XIX. In any case, the Local Partner is entitled to invite other participants of the local Falling Walls Lab as substitute, usually according to the list of precedence. However, the Local Partner may appoint the substitute only with the prior written consent of Falling Walls Foundation,
- XX. **Travel:** You, the Local Partner or a third party (sponsor or partner), must cover travel expenses. The Falling Walls Foundation does not cover travel expenses.
- XXI. **Accommodation:** The Falling Walls Foundation will cover the winner's stay in Berlin for one night from 8-9 November 2018 at its partner hotel. Either the winner, the Local Partner or a third party (sponsor or partner) must cover any additional nights of accommodation.

#### Liability

- XXII. At the event, the organiser assumes liability pursuant to statutory conditions. Arrival and departure are excluded from the event. No further liability shall exist. Liability is assumed by the participant in cases of damage to property or personal injury caused by the participant. Travel to Berlin is the responsibility of the participant, the event organiser is not liable for any resulting injury or damage.

By ticking the respective box on the Falling Walls Website's application formula, I confirm that I read, understood and accept the above listed terms and conditions.