

# FALLING WALLS LAB

## ABOUT THE FALLING WALLS LAB

### GREAT MINDS, 3 MINUTES, 1 DAY

The Falling Walls Lab is an international forum, which aims at building and promoting interdisciplinary connections between excellent academics, entrepreneurs and professionals from all fields. All participants get the opportunity to present their research work, business model or initiative to peers and a distinguished jury consisting of experts from academia, research institutions and business – in 3 minutes each. The Falling Walls Lab is organised by the Falling Walls Foundation and generously supported by A.T. Kearney, the global management consulting firm (Founding Partner) and Festo, worldwide supplier of pneumatic and electrical automation technology (Global Partner).

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. At the heart of the foundation's activities lies the "Falling Walls Conference" which takes place each year on 9 November, the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. At the conference 20 top-class scientists from around the world present their current breakthrough research in 15 minutes answering the question: "Which are the next walls to fall?" Among the speakers are Nobel laureates, artists, heads of state and government. The conference attracts an audience from over 80 nations and is globally covered by the media.

After a successful kick-off at the international Falling Walls Conference in 2011, the Falling Walls Lab as a challenging, fast-paced format was subsequently brought to numerous cities worldwide. In 2016, 49 Falling Walls Labs took place in more than 40 different countries, hosted by renowned institutions such as ETH Zurich, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and the Australian National University.

Each year, the most intriguing presenters of the international Labs travel to the Falling Walls Lab Finale in Berlin (Germany) on 8 November. 100 innovators receive the opportunity to present their work in front of a renowned jury and an A.T. Kearney Scholarship to attend the Falling Walls Conference, where they meet the world's movers and shakers of science, business and the industry. The three winners of the Lab Finale in Berlin are awarded the title "Falling Walls Young Innovator of the Year". They receive a prize money and pitch their idea once again on the grand stage of the Falling Walls Conference.

For more information, impressions and a short film visit: [www.falling-walls.com/lab](http://www.falling-walls.com/lab)

If you would like to host a Falling Walls Lab at your institution, we are looking forward to receiving your e-mail at [lab@falling-walls.com](mailto:lab@falling-walls.com).

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