

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS - FALLING WALLS VENTURE START-UPS *(As of December 2018)*

### Who can participate?

- I. The participation at Falling Walls Venture is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Therefore, participation is allowed only once. By applying, the candidate confirms that she/he has never participated in Falling Walls Venture **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. Falling Walls Venture is open to entrepreneurs and scientists whose start-ups are based on scientific research. Applications are open to all scientific disciplines.
- IV. Each start-up applying for Falling Walls Venture must be endorsed by a nominating institution. This can be a university or research institute.
- V. All participating start-ups must have been founded as company (incorporated) by the time of application. Companies founded on 1 January 2014 or after are eligible to apply.

### Process

- VI. All corporate partners of Falling Walls Venture Berlin have access to all application documents (all data the applicant provides including the pitch deck) of each applicant. Likewise, all jury members of Falling Walls Venture have access to the full application documents. In case a nominating university hosts a selection event, the respective jury members and corporate partners (if any) have access to all application documents. There is no legal right to participation. Application materials will be archived. Personal data must not be disclosed to unauthorised other parties.
- VII. Applicants will be informed of the success of their application following the respective application deadline. All decisions made by the pre-selection committee are final and there is no right of appeal. Participation is obligatory for all selected participants. Should a candidate, for cause, not be able to participate in Falling Walls Venture Berlin, she/he must inform the Falling Walls Foundation in a timely manner – at least 7 days before the event. The Falling Walls Foundation has the right to invite other applicants as a substitute.
- VIII. By applying, the participant consents to the publication of any photos or video footage taken. Denial of consent must be given in written notice 7 days prior to the event.
- IX. The participant also consents to receiving emails related to Falling Walls events, with the option of unsubscribing either through written response or opt-out.
- X. The determination of the Falling Walls Venture winner 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.

### Presentation

- XI. The presentation must be given in person. You cannot give your presentation via Skype or any other video call or voice call application. Groups are not allowed to present at Falling Walls Venture. Only a single person can represent the start-up. The same applies for the nominating institution.
- XII. Selected candidates agree to give a five-minute presentation. The language of the event is English.
- XIII. The presenter must use the PowerPoint template provided by the Falling Walls Foundation.
- XIV. Presentation structure: The presenter must clearly outline the problem they tackle and the entrepreneurial solution they offer. The final presentation must demonstrate the scientific research background of the enterprise.

- XV. The presentation shall not include indecent or unlawful content. Comments violating the free and democratic basic order (*freiheitlich demokratische Grundordnung*) 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 presenter is not allowed to give a talk with an inflammatory political or religious agenda. Falling Walls Venture is about breaking down walls by means of science, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- XVI. 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 Falling Walls Venture. 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.
- XVII. The Falling Walls Foundation reserves 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 XV and XVI or the eligibility criteria (I to V).

#### Falling Walls Venture Berlin

- XVIII. Successful applicants are invited to attend Falling Walls Venture in Berlin (participation is obligatory for one representative of the start-up and one representative of the nominating institution). Both representatives must be named in a timely manner. They must hold a valid passport and apply for any required visa to Germany right after receiving the letter of acceptance to Falling Walls Venture Berlin. The Falling Walls Foundation can provide an official invitation but cannot be of any further assistance in the visa application process. Moreover, the participants are obliged to inform the Falling Walls Foundation immediately if the visa application was rejected.
- XIX. **Travel:** Travel stipends will be available to cover the travel cost of the start-up presenter (single person who presents the start-up on stage in Berlin). The stipend includes a fixed allowance for travel costs (to be used for an economy class flight or 2<sup>nd</sup> class train journey). If travel costs exceed the allowance, participants will have to cover the surplus amount themselves. The Falling Walls Foundation cannot cover travel or accommodation cost for the representative of the nominating institution.
- XX. **Accommodation:** The Falling Walls Foundation will cover accommodation cost for the start-up presenter's stay in Berlin for 3 nights from 7-10 November 2019 at its partner hotel. Any additional nights of accommodation must be covered by the participants or a third party (sponsor or partner).

#### Liability

- XXI. 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 form, I confirm that I read, understood and accept the above listed terms and conditions.