

## GLOBAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS SCIENCE BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR 2022

The value of breakthrough research has hardly ever been more evident as it is in the groundbreaking work of scientists that will allow us to overcome the challenges of the 21st century.

To honor this important work, the Falling Walls Foundation is looking for scientists and leaders in their respective fields (as outlined below), whose groundbreaking work contributes towards solving the world's biggest challenges to participate in our Global Call for nominations. Leading academics and academic institutions, universities, research organisations, companies, private and public research centres, academies, research funders, foundations, and individuals can nominate the latest breakthroughs. Individuals are also welcome to nominate themselves or the work of fellow scientists that they highly value. The 10 categories include:

- 1 Life Sciences
- 2 Physical Sciences
- 3 Engineering and Technology
- 4 Social Sciences and Humanities
- 5 Art and Science
- 6 Future Learning (formerly Digital Education)
- 7 Science and Innovation Management
- 8 Emerging Talents (Falling Walls Lab)
- 9 Science Start-ups (Falling Walls Venture)
- 10 Science Engagement (Falling Walls Engage)

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE- THE FOUR STEPS

#### STEP 1: NOMINATIONS

Please submit a short nomination (approx. 500 characters and contact information) via our website by 15 May 2022. The submitted nomination will be reviewed and the nominee will be contacted directly for further details.

#### STEP 2: FINALISTS

If your nominee is selected, they will then become a Falling Walls finalist. All finalists will be officially announced on our website.

#### STEP 3: WINNERS

Our distinguished juries, chaired by Helga Nowotny, Professor Emerita of the European Research Council, will select 10 winners each for categories 1-7. 100 winners for category 8, 25 for category 9 and 20 for category 10 will be invited to the Falling Walls Pitches on 7 November, where they will pitch their work live in front of our juries. Winners from selected categories will also be invited to participate in Breakthrough Symposia in Berlin.

#### STEP 4: THE SCIENCE BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR

The juries will select the Science Breakthroughs of the Year from the Winners of each category. On 9 November, the Breakthroughs of the Year will receive the opportunity to present their work to a global audience on the grand Falling Walls stage in Berlin.




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SCIENTISTS FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH

The Falling Walls Foundation is committed to representing all global scientific achievement. To this end, scientists from the Global South are explicitly encouraged to participate.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Level of Innovation: The novelty and originality of the idea
- Breakthrough Potential: The extent of the paradigm shift it represents
- Societal Relevance: The significance for society today and in the future
- Scientific Excellence: The quality of the research and its long-term impact on the research landscape

The selection criteria vary depending on each category. Please read the detailed information about [the 10 categories and their respective selection criteria](#).

You can submit a nomination or nominate yourself by visiting our [website](#). You are also encouraged to distribute this Call for Nominations within your networks.

Sincerely,  
Your Science Summit Team




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