

Call for Applications – Deadline 29 August 2020

Falling Walls Lab Cairo 2020

Which ‘wall’ will your research break? Pitch your innovative idea in just 3 minutes, showcasing a breakthrough that creates a positive impact on science and society.

Falling Walls Lab Cairo calls for talented researchers and professionals to showcase their most innovative ideas. Outstanding researchers, entrepreneurs and professionals can as of now apply for the Falling Walls Lab Cairo on 23 September 2020 to present their idea in 3 minutes. **Applications must be submitted by 29 August 2020 – deadline extended!**

In 2020, international Falling Walls Labs take place all over the world and call for the application of Bachelor and Master students, postdocs, young professionals, entrepreneurs and junior professors. Ground-breaking research projects, initiatives, ideas and business models from all disciplines are welcome.

The winner of the local Lab gets to attend Falling Walls Remote 2020 and increase their project’s global reach and visibility with a pitch video via the Falling Walls social media campaign sponsored by the DAAD Regional Office Cairo. In addition to that there are two more chances of winning: there will be an audience award in the form of a gift card for the online learning platform Udemy sponsored by the American University in Cairo (AUC) and the top three achievers are given the opportunity to join the TIEC accelerator program sponsored by the Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (TIEC).

The Falling Walls Lab Cairo will take place on the 23 September 2020 at 7:00 PM. This year’s event will be slightly different to the Labs we have hosted before in Cairo: considering the recent developments regarding the corona virus pandemic (COVID-19/ SARS-CoV-2), we have decided to host our Lab in a virtual event. Therefore, the Falling Walls Lab Cairo will take place remotely with all jury members, participants and viewers attending the event online.

We are looking forward to receiving your application!

Application Procedure

The application procedure includes two steps:

1. Applications are made centrally on the [Falling Walls Website](#).
2. Application videos of max. 3 minutes presenting the idea or project, and showcasing the ability to present in English by one person (the presenter must be visible), are sent to falling-walls@daadcairo.org. Please visit [this forum](#) to get some inspiration.

Only complete application sets will be considered!

For more information about the format, please visit the [Falling Walls Website](#). You will find the report about last year’s event on the [website of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact fallingwalls@daadcairo.org or the [Falling Walls Foundation](#).

About the Falling Walls Foundation

The Falling Walls Lab is organised by the Falling Walls Foundation and generously funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the Berlin-Senate, the Bayer Foundations, Huawei, Google, and Sartorius. It is supported by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The Falling Walls Foundation is a non-profit organisation that fosters the discussion on research and innovation and promotes the latest scientific findings among a broad audience from all parts of society. It organises the Falling Walls Conference, an annual global gathering of forward-thinking individuals from over 75 countries. Each year on 9 November, 20 of the world's leading scientists present their current breakthrough research in 3 minutes each.

About the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

The DAAD is the world's largest funding organisation for the international exchange of students and researchers. Since it was founded in 1925, more than 1.9 million scholars in Germany and abroad have received DAAD funding. The DAAD is a registered member's association made up of German institutions of higher education and student bodies. Our activities go far beyond simply awarding grants and scholarships. The DAAD supports the internationalisation of German universities, promotes German studies and the German language abroad, provide developing countries with best practices in establishing universities and advises decision makers in cultural, educational and developmental policy.

The **DAAD Regional Office Cairo** was established in 1960 on the basis of the German-Egyptian Cultural Agreement. Since then, the academic relations between Egypt and Germany have evolved steadily. The close cooperation has unwrapped new horizons for the scientific bonds of both countries to further develop and flourish. Thousands of Egyptian scholars have benefited ever since from these ties. Throughout its 60 years in Egypt, the DAAD Regional Office Cairo has been offering a platform for networking, cooperation and research activities between Egyptian and German universities and research institutes to implement hundreds of projects which are of mutual interest. In 2016, the office's responsibilities also grew to oversee Sudan as well.