

BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK 2020 JOURNALISM RESEARCH GRANT: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Falling Walls Foundation is offering a research grant to support media representatives from around the world to report on a scientific topic related to Berlin Science Week 2020. Selected journalists will be given exclusive access to the participating organizations of Berlin Science Week and their associated experts.

The Falling Walls Foundation calls for applications from journalists outlining their chosen scientific topic relating to Berlin Science Week. Successful applicants will be invited to join an exchange with one of the festival's numerous renowned partner organizations and/or speakers. Reporting can take place before, during or after the Berlin Science Week (1-10 November 2020).

Up to ten media representatives will be selected. They will each receive a research grant of €500, provided by the Berlin Senate Chancellery for Higher Education and Research. The grant will be awarded as lump sum, either to cover the cost of staying and reporting in Berlin or for digital research and reporting (remote).

The research grant aims to further strengthen the international public perception of Berlin as a location for scientific excellence and to contribute to the promotion of independent science journalism.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Applications are open to media representatives from around the world with a proven track record as a science journalist (freelance or permanent). Applicants are expected to research and publish on a chosen scientific topic related to the Berlin Science Week. There are no restrictions on specific media areas or the form of publication.

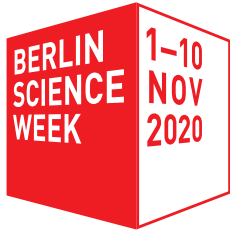
HOW TO APPLY?

Please send your application documents in one PDF to press@berlinscienceweek.com by 2 October 2020, 23:59 CEST.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO INCLUDE:

- Cover letter and short exposé/research plan, including planned publication date and media contact
- Short CV incl. list of journalistic works
- Max. 3 examples of your work within the field of science/technology

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APPLICATION PROCESS

A jury of science journalists and long-standing communications experts will select and inform the successful candidates by October 16, 2020. Unfortunately, due to the high number of anticipated applications unsuccessful applicants will not be notified.

Travel to Berlin is not necessary as most of the events will be streamed online this year. If a journalist would like to organize their own stay, the research grant already includes allowances for living and travel expenses, no further reimbursement will be made by The Falling Walls Foundation. The Falling Walls Foundation is not able to act as an inviting organization for any visa processes.

There is no legal claim to the scholarship. Applications received after 2 October 2020 will not be considered.

ABOUT BERLIN SCIENCE WEEK 2020

This year, the Berlin Science Week - together with Falling Walls Remote 2020 - will take place in Berlin from November 1 to 10, 2020 as a top-class World Science Summit with a diverse program and numerous renowned partner organizations from all over the world.

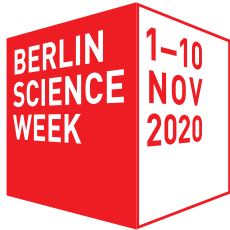
There will be around 200 events with a huge variety of topics: from European Science Diplomacy, over Quantum technologies to mobile health applications.

The program of Berlin Science Week 2020 will be published approx. by end September at falling-walls.com/2020

Our partner organizations include: British Embassy & British Council, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBWF), Federal Foreign Office, Charité Berlin, ETH Zurich, National Research Council Canada, ALLEA European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities, Gropius Bau, Helmholtz Association of German Research Centers

OUR TOPICS AND QUESTIONS INCLUDE:

- **The effects of Covid-19** - What are the effects of Covid-19?
- **Advances in Health & Medicine** - Which advances in health and medicine are being researched?
- **Insights into AI, Robotic & Quantum** - What are the latest developments in AI, Robotic & Quantum?
- **International Policy & Cooperation in Science** - How do scientific institutions cooperate and influence politics & society?
- **A Sustainable World** - How can science help to create a sustainable world?
- **The Future of Living** - How could our way of living change in the future?



- **Open Access and Transparency in Science** - How can open access and public engagement accelerate the pace of scientific research?
- **Science Education & Career Insights** - How can children and young adults be inspired by science?
- **Digital Transformation** - How and in which fields is digital transformation moving forward?

Our confirmed speakers include:

- Roberto Bonasio, Ph.D. (University of Pennsylvania)
- Phil de Luna (National Research Council Canada)
- Prof. Dr. med Claudia Witt (University of Zurich)
- Dr. Emily Shuckburgh (University of Cambridge)
- ...and many more

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