

# Berlin Science Week 2026

## Inspiration Stage Programme

We're looking for inspiring academic and scientific work that combines strong research with clear, engaging communication. Applications will be evaluated based on the quality of the research, its connection to the festival theme, its value for the audience, and the clarity of its presentation.

We especially welcome applications from people with diverse backgrounds, and voices traditionally underrepresented in public science communication.

## Selection Criteria

<b>Scientific Quality</b>	Your talk should be built on strong research foundations. We're looking for sound methodology, critical thinking, and a clear sense that you know your field well.
<b>Connection to the Festival Theme</b>	Show us how your talk connects to this year's festival theme. The best proposals don't just touch on the theme, they use it as a lens to offer fresh perspectives on their research.
<b>Audience Value</b>	Berlin Science Week audiences are curious but not necessarily specialists. We want to know: why does your topic matter right now, and what will the audience gain from hearing about it?
<b>Clarity and Engagement</b>	Can you bring your research to life for a non-specialist audience? We assess how clearly and compellingly your idea comes across, through your title, your framing, your language, and (if provided) your video.