## **FALLING WALLS FEMALE SCIENCE TALENTS**



# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: FEMALE SCIENCE TALENTS **INTENSIVE TRACK 2026**

The Female Science Talents Intensive Track goes into the next round! For 2026, we are looking for 20 exceptionally talented women\* in science from all disciplines to take part in our one-year career programme.

### BENEFITS OF THE INTENSIVE TRACK

The Intensive Track programme offers selected participants a wealth of opportunities for personal and professional development:

- Participate in two high-level Gatherings in Berlin: Join the International Spring Gathering and International Fall Gathering at the Falling Walls Science Summit 2026. All travel costs incl. accomodation will be fully covered for both events.
- Skill-Enhancement Workshops and Career Talks: Attend a series of online and in-person workshops on topics like science entrepreneurship, science communication, female leadership, and more.
- Peer Exchange with Fellow Talents: Connect with like-minded, high-potential scientists from various disciplines in a vibrant and diverse learning community.
- Exclusive Networking Opportunities: Engage with Female Science Talents role models and women leaders in academia, business, and politics, including representatives from our official partners: Bayer Foundation, Elsevier Foundation, Volkswagen Foundation, and the German Research Foundation.
- Access to the Falling Walls Community: Expand your network through the Falling Walls Venture, Engage, and Lab communities.
- Visibility and Reach: Benefit from increased visibility via the Falling Walls Community, sharing your work and insights with a global audience.









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#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

We invite applications from PhD students in the final stages of their research, as well as from postdoctoral researchers who completed their PhD in 2020 or later. Candidates from all academic disciplines and from universities or research institutions worldwide are welcome to apply. We equally welcome applicants with qualifications equivalent to a PhD or postdoctoral experience such as medical degrees or other advanced professional scientific training.

### We are especially seeking candidates who:

- Excel in their Scientific Field: Demonstrate outstanding research, innovative thinking, and a commitment to advancing knowledge in their discipline.
- Actively Contribute to the Programme and Community:
  - Engage in Peer-to-Peer Learning: Share skills and insights in interactive sessions and small group discussions.
  - Mentor the Next Cohort: Support future participants through mentorship, offering guidance to help them thrive in the cohort of 2027 (up to 6 times per year).
  - o Initiate and Engage in Community Events: Organise engaging events like panel discussions or knowledge-sharing sessions that bring added value to the community.
  - Are Proactive and Collaborative: Enthusiastically participate in programme workshops, contribute ideas, and foster a positive and supportive atmosphere for all participants.
- Have Solid Communication Skills: Fluency in English, ability to communicate research and career goals to a wider audience, good self-presentation skills.

### **TIMELINE & AVAILABILITY**

The programme will commence in February 2026 and run through January 2027. Successful applicants take part once or twice a month in online events such as workshops, career talks or peerto-peer sessions (up to 180 minutes) and travel to Berlin (Germany) twice: for 5 days in April/May and for 6 days in November.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, please visit our online platform and fill in the application form. In this form you will be asked to:

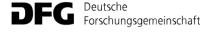
- Tell us about yourself.
- o Describe your research.
- Outline your career goals and vision.
- Describe how this programme can support your objectives.
- Explain how you can positively contribute to the programme, e.g., your skills or expertise.

Additionally, you will be asked to upload the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV): Highlight the key stages and achievements of your career (tabular
- Video Introduction: Share more about yourself and your motivation in a video (mp4, maximum 2 minutes).









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We look forward to welcoming driven, talented women who are ready to make a meaningful contribution to our community and beyond! We are especially encouraging women\* from the Global South to apply.

**APPLICATION PERIOD: 15 October – 23 November 2025** 

**DEADLINE: 23 November 23.59 CET** 

\* Female Science Talents uses an inclusive definition of women and welcomes submissions from cis and trans women, as well as genderqueer and non-binary people.





