

# FALLING WALLS FOUNDATION

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## CANADA PARTNERS WITH FALLING WALLS SCIENCE SUMMIT 2026

- Canada will be the partner country of Falling Walls Science Summit 2026, held in Berlin, November 6–9.
- A delegation of science, innovation and technology leaders from Canada, led by senior Canadian officials, will come to Berlin to deepen economic and research relations with German and European partners.
- Initiation of new partnerships and projects between leading universities, companies and research institutes is expected.

**Berlin, 18 August 2026.** The **Falling Walls Science Summit 2026** will feature **Canada** as its partner country for 2026, highlighting the country's leadership in science, research, innovation and technology. A high-level delegation, to be led by senior Canadian officials, will participate at this year's Falling Walls Science Summit in Berlin. The delegation will include university presidents, leaders of research funding agencies and other senior representatives from Canada's science, research and innovation ecosystem.

2026 marks two jubilees of Canadian-German relations: 75 years of official diplomatic relations between the two countries and 55 years of the *Agreement on Cooperation in Science and Technology*. Canada's association in 2024 to the European Commission's Horizon Europe program has provided a strong foundation for research partnerships between Canadian and German partners, giving further motivation for a large Canadian presence in Berlin.

## CANADA PRESENTS SCIENCE, RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY STRENGTHS

The 18th **Falling Walls Science Summit** will take place from **November 6 to 9, 2026**, in Berlin, bringing together leading minds from science, business, politics, media and civil society to celebrate the most impactful scientific advancements worldwide and catalyse international research and innovation partnerships.

On November 6 and 7, a dedicated Canada Pavilion will be open as the home of the Canadian delegation. All are welcome to visit and learn more about Canada's cutting-edge research and innovation programming, meet Canadian leaders from academia, industry and government, and establish new connections. A detailed program will be announced shortly.

"Showcasing the outstanding scientific competences and academic breakthroughs of Canada at this year's Falling Walls is a great honour for us", says **Falling Walls Foundation's Chairman of the Board Jürgen Mlynek**. "We look forward to welcoming a large number of Canadian University presidents and other leaders to strengthen this important part of transatlantic science cooperations."

"We are very excited that Canada chose Falling Walls as a platform to deepen the ties between the R&D ecosystems of the countries", adds **Andreas Kosmider, CEO of the Falling Walls Foundation**. "Given the recent geopolitical dynamics, strong research partnerships between trusted partners are of increasing importance. We look forward to a fruitful European-Canadian exchange of groundbreaking ideas and expect numerous new cooperative projects to be kicked off at Falling Walls."

"Canada's researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs are helping solve some of the world's biggest challenges while creating good jobs and driving economic growth. As the partner country for the 2026 Falling Walls Science Summit, Canada is proud to showcase our world-class talent and strengthen partnerships with Germany and our

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European allies that will advance discovery, accelerate innovation and build a more prosperous future for people on both sides of the Atlantic."

– **The Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Industry and Minister responsible for Canada Economic Development for Quebec Regions**

"Canada is proud to be the partner country for the 2026 Falling Walls Science Summit. Canada is home to world-leading researchers, entrepreneurs and technology innovators whose work is helping shape the future. By strengthening partnerships with Germany and our European partners, we can accelerate discovery, advance emerging technologies and help bring breakthrough ideas from the lab to the marketplace. Together, we are creating the conditions for innovation, investment and long-term economic growth."

– **The Honourable Evan Solomon, Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Innovation and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario**

"Across Canada's science and technology community, we know that breakthroughs rarely happen in isolation. They emerge when people with different expertise, perspectives and experiences come together across borders to tackle shared challenges. Canada is deeply committed to international scientific collaboration because the pursuit of knowledge knows no borders. We are honoured that Canada has been named the partner country for the Falling Walls Summit 2026, and we look forward to sharing Canadian ingenuity, building new partnerships, and helping turn today's ideas into tomorrow's solutions."

– **Dr. Mona Nemer, Canada's Chief Science Advisor.**

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## **Falling Walls Science Summit 2026**

6–9 November 2026

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### **About the Canadian research system**

Canada's science and innovation ecosystem offers a powerful combination of world-class talent, cutting-edge research, abundant natural and technological assets, and a longstanding commitment to openness, integrity, and stability: qualities that are increasingly valuable in today's complex global environment. The research ecosystem is a diverse and globally connected network of universities, colleges, research hospitals, national laboratories, businesses, non-profit organizations, and indigenous, national and subnational government partners that work together to advance knowledge and innovation. Canada is internationally recognized for research excellence across the health sciences, artificial intelligence, quantum science, and advanced manufacturing, with significant strengths in the social sciences and humanities, and interdisciplinary research. Strong international engagement is a hallmark of the Canadian system, with Canada participating in major multinational research and innovation initiatives, including Horizon Europe and the EUREKA Network.

### **About the Falling Walls Science Summit**

Founded in 2009, the Falling Walls Science Summit has become the leading international forum for scientific breakthroughs and interdisciplinary dialogue. Held annually in Berlin from 6–9 November, the Summit commemorates the fall of the Berlin Wall by

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bringing together global leaders to explore how science can contribute to shaping a sustainable future. With its core formats – Falling Walls Pitches, Falling Walls Circle and Falling Walls Science Breakthroughs – the Summit fosters collaboration across academia, industry, politics, and civil society to drive transformative change. The event is organised by the non-profit Falling Walls Foundation. More information: [falling-walls.com](https://falling-walls.com).

## **About the Falling Walls Foundation**

The Falling Walls Foundation gGmbH is a Berlin-based non-profit organisation dedicated to strengthening science communication and public engagement with research. Its initiatives bring together international experts to develop breakthrough solutions for global challenges. In addition to the Falling Walls Science Summit, the Foundation runs the Berlin Science Week and programmes such as Falling Walls Lab, Falling Walls Engage, Falling Walls Venture and Female Science Talents. Since 2020, the Foundation has also hosted the Creative Bureaucracy Festival, an international platform for innovation in the public sector. The Foundation is supported by the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space, the Berlin Senate, the Hannover Re Foundation, the Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, PD – Public Sector Advisory, Volkswagen Foundation, and more than 100 additional international philanthropies, academic institutions, companies and NGOs. Learn more: [falling-walls.com/foundation](https://falling-walls.com/foundation).