1. **Select category**

**Categories 1-4:** Top-class researchers globally are pushing the boundaries to make some of the most important scientific breakthroughs of our times. We are looking for internationally recognised, established academics and leaders in their respective fields (as outlined below), whose groundbreaking work contributes towards solving the world’s biggest challenges. As excellent communicators they are able to transmit their passion and the significance of their findings for society.

**1) Life Sciences:** The scientific study of life and organisms (e.g. biology, neuroscience, zoology)

**2) Physical Sciences:** The observation and understanding of natural phenomena of the earth, atmosphere and space (e.g. chemistry, physics, astronomy)

**3) Engineering and Technology:** The practical application of science and mathematics to every-day life (e.g. artificial intelligence, information technology, mechanical engineering)

**4) Social Sciences and Humanities:** The institutions and functioning of human society and the interpersonal relationships of individuals as members of society, (e.g. politics, economics, philosophy).

**5) Science in the Arts:** We welcome nominations for artists whose work is inspired and influenced by science across a wide range of subjects (from the humanities to life sciences, technology and more), which sheds light on societal issues, natural phenomena or simply the wonder of scientific discoveries, and which highlights the unique relationship between these apparently opposite but often highly complementary disciplines.

**6) Digital Education:** Digital learning has become increasingly important over the past years. Most recently, in the era of social distancing, digital education has rushed to fill the gap left by empty schools and lecture halls. We are looking for the latest, most innovative and successful cases in digital learning worldwide – encompassing concepts, programmes and platforms for all education levels.

**7) Science and Innovation Management:** Excellent management provides the essential grounds for breakthroughs in science and corporate research. We are looking for outstanding representatives and best-case examples of science and innovation management both in the realms of academia and research-driven companies.

**8) Emerging Talents (Falling Walls Lab):** In a time when effective science communication has become all the more paramount, Falling Walls Lab is searching for the next generation of early-career innovators, trailblazers, creators, and visionaries of all disciplines to promote their exceptional ideas that create a positive impact on science and society.

**9) Science-based Start-ups (Falling Walls Venture):** Solving some of today’s most pressing challenges requires scientific findings to be turned into entrepreneurial solutions. We are, hence, looking for innovative start-ups that have translated breakthrough scientific thinking into promising business models.

**10) Science Engagement Initiatives (Falling Walls Engage):** We are searching for all forms of science engagement and outreach projects that break the wall between science and society with a creative and individual method, to engage the respective target group.

My idea fits in category:

1. **Contact Details and Description of Idea**

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ACADEMIC TITLE \*:

FIRST NAME \*:

LAST NAME \*:

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP:

CURRENT CITY OF RESIDENCE \*:

CURRENT COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE \*:

POSITION \*:

INSTITUTION \*:

TELEPHONE NUMBER \*:

EMAIL ADDRESS \*:

**TITLE/NAME OF THE PROJECT \*:**

**CORE IDEA \*:**

PLEASE EXPLAIN IN ONE SENTENCE WHAT THE CORE IDEA OF THE NOMINATED PROJECT IS. (140 characters)

**SHORT DESCRIPTION \***

PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THE NOMINATED PROJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE BREAKTHROUGH SHORTLIST. (500 characters)

DIGITAL REFERENCE NO1

DIGITAL REFERENCE NO2

DIGITAL REFERENCE NO3

PLEASE SHARE A MAX 3 DIGITAL LINK TO YOUR NOMINEE'S WORK.

**WHY IS IT YOU?**

PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU AND YOUR PROJECT IS BEST SUITED FOR FW2020 CONFERENCE (max. 300 characters)