The Virginia Water Resources Research Center offered the first William R. Walker Graduate Research Fellow Award in 1999. The award is intended for individuals preparing for a professional career in water resources and enrolled as a student at Virginia Tech. The award is generally between $2,000 to $3,000. Only individuals pursuing graduate work in a field different from the field of emphasis as an undergraduate, or individuals with work experience returning to graduate school, are eligible to apply. The award will be effective the fall semester following the deadline date. Funds can be used at the recipient’s discretion during residency at Virginia Tech as a student, for professional development (such as attending workshops and conferences) and purchasing materials that will enhance professional productivity (such as books and software).

**Application deadline is May 15, 2015 at 5:00 PM.** For further information, please contact Dr. Kevin McGuire, Virginia Water Resources Research Center at 540-231-6017 or E-mail: kevin.mcguire@vt.edu.

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**Instructions**

Complete Application form available at: [https://survey.vt.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1366416751141](https://survey.vt.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1366416751141)

All materials are uploaded to Scholar using the Dropbox feature, except reference evaluation forms. You must have a Virginia Tech PID to submit an application. To join the Scholar site, log into Scholar ([https://scholar.vt.edu](https://scholar.vt.edu)) and from the menu bar in My Workspace, click Membership. Click Joinable Sites and search for “Walker Award.” Click Join to join the site.

The online ([https://survey.vt.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1366416751141](https://survey.vt.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1366416751141)) application form should be completed by the applicant. It includes:

- An application form with personal, academic, and professional reference information
- A 300 word essay about your interest in water resources and professional goals

The following should be also submitted through Scholar by the deadline:

- College transcripts from all universities attended (including Virginia Tech). These may be scanned and submitted using the Dropbox or mailed in sealed envelops from the university registrar’s office. Note: If being mailed, transcripts must be postmarked by the deadline.
- Evidence of acceptance or proof of enrollment in the graduate program (if not specified in the transcripts). Please provide an electronic copy of an acceptance letter or document showing enrollment at Virginia Tech.

References from individuals identified in the online application must be submitted via e-mail directly to Dr. McGuire from the reference writer by the deadline.

- Each reference should include an evaluation form for the candidate. The form may be downloaded from the Resources folder on the Walker Award Scholar Site.
- Directions for submission are included on the form.

* In your essay include information about your relevant experiences and eligibility for the fellowship.