

Application for the Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Award  
**2023**

The recipients of the Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Awards are selected based upon the following criteria:

1. Teaching excellence
2. Effective advising
3. Scholarship
4. Service to Morningside University

Awards are based upon the accomplishments and activities of a faculty member during the previous academic year. The 2022-2023 academic year (June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023) is the year currently under consideration.

Consideration for the Sharon Walker Faculty Excellence Awards is initiated by completing the attached application and submitting it along with additional information. Applications and accompanying information should be completed in electronic form and submitted via a Google Drive link to the Office of Academic Affairs ([alvarezk@morningside.edu](mailto:alvarezk@morningside.edu)). Only electronic applications will be accepted. The application is available electronically on the Academic Affairs webpage <https://my.morningside.edu/offices/academic-affairs/faculty-information/walker-awards> under Faculty Information/ Walker Awards. Using the electronic application form should allow the applicants as much space as they require for each question. The additional information should include: a current curriculum vita or resume, a teaching statement, and supporting materials addressing the applicant's performance against the four criteria. Other relevant information may also be submitted if deemed appropriate. Letters of recommendation from up to three Morningside University faculty or staff colleagues should be requested and submitted electronically to the Office of Academic Affairs ([alvarezk@morningside.edu](mailto:alvarezk@morningside.edu)). Applicants may also request that letters from up to two external colleagues be submitted electronically to the Office of Academic Affairs ([alvarezk@morningside.edu](mailto:alvarezk@morningside.edu)). *All recommendation letters must be received by the Academic Affairs Office no later than Noon on August 31st to be included.* Applicants should also submit the names and email addresses of up to three students or recent alumni from whom the Office of Academic Affairs can solicit letters of recommendation. The student names and email addresses must be received by Academic Affairs by no later than **August 18, 2023**, earlier is preferred.

Applications, including colleague letters of recommendation, must be received by Noon on **August 31, 2023**.

The Selection Committee will interview finalists on campus October 16-17, 2023. The award recipients will be announced at the awards dinner on November 18, 2023. *It is expected that all five finalists attend the awards dinner.*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Courses taught during the 2022-2023 academic year (please list prefix, number, title, credit hours, and enrollment for each course). Please include a course syllabus, student course evaluation results (IDEA), and any available summarized assessment data for each of these courses.

Co-curricular or other activities involving you and students (please list as precisely as possible, including dates of the activities).

Please list up to three students (or alumni who were students last year) whose names and email addresses you have provided to the Office of Academic Affairs (**by August 18, 2023**, earlier is preferred). Letters of recommendation will be solicited from these students.

*Additional items of information required for the application packet are listed on the reverse side of this page.*

## **Additional Information required for the Walker Award Application**

- Current curriculum vita or resume.
- Names of up to three faculty or staff colleagues from whom you have requested letters of recommendation.
- (optional) Names of up to two external colleagues from whom you have solicited letters of recommendation.

### TEACHING

- Course syllabi for all courses you taught in 2022-2023.
- Student Course evaluations (IDEA) for all courses you taught in 2022-2023.
- A general overview of you as a teacher
  - Why do you teach?
  - What do you find rewarding about teaching?
  - Describe the principles that underlie your teaching (a statement of your teaching philosophy).
  - What are your goals for your student's intellectual development in your courses?
- List and describe your teaching accomplishments for the years 2022-2023.
- Pick **one course** you taught during 2022-2023 and attach a set of the course materials (assignments, copies of web pages, etc.) for this course. Include a statement that explains these materials.

### ADVISING

- How have you prepared yourself to become or continue to be an effective advisor?
- Describe your approach to working with advisees (note that advising could include working with first-year advisees, major advisee, student groups, or other students).
- List and describe your advising activities and accomplishments for the year 2022-2023.

### SCHOLARSHIP

- Describe what constitutes scholarship in your discipline.
- List and describe your accomplishments in the area of scholarship for the year 2022-2023 (what activities have you completed during the past year which have kept you intellectually engaged and enthusiastic about your role as a member of the faculty at Morningside University?).

### SERVICE

- How have your service activities advanced the mission of the University and enhanced its good reputation?
- List and describe your service activities for the years 2022-2023.