Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society at Emory University

2023 Application Guidelines

Fellowship Description: Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement

Apply by February 5, 2023

The Emory University, Laney Graduate School seeks applications for the 2023 Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

In 2019, the Laney Graduate School became a member of the National Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, which is named for the first African American doctoral recipient in the United States (Physics, Yale University, 1876), Dr. Edward Alexander Bouchet. The Society acknowledges outstanding scholarly achievement and promotes diversity and excellence in doctoral education and the professoriate. It is a network of preeminent scholars who exemplify academic and personal excellence, foster environments of support, and serve as examples of CLASS: 1) Character; 2) Leadership; 3) Advocacy for students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the academy; 4) Scholarship; and 5) Service. In the spirit of Dr. Bouchet’s commitment to these ideals, inductees into the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society at Emory University must demonstrate significant achievement in these five areas.

- **Character** – exhibit the highest values of their university, through integrity, honor, and exemplary conduct and behavior; exhibits emotional courage, principles, endurance, and perseverance; reliable and consistent
- **Leadership** – the embodiment of the ideals of Emory and represent our mission, demonstrate strong initiative, play a leadership role in extending access to Emory to a wider community by creating and sharing knowledge
- **Advocacy** – advocate for broader access to graduate education and other resources within the academy (ex: advocating for the concerns of diverse faculty members and students, serving as a mentor, helping to address the needs of communities, and educating others on the issues that may be at the heart of the continued inequities and disparities in our society, particularly in education)
- **Scholarship** – contribute to the development of their field(s) of study and to the application of knowledge into action that improves the lives and conditions of their communities.
- **Service** – actively contribute to the well-being of society by giving, remaining involved, sharing personal gifts and talents, and exhibiting a Bouchet-like commitment to the service of others

**NEW**

The Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society at Emory University will be accepting applications from postdoctoral fellows for the 1st time. This expansion of eligible member is in hope to established a robust and dedicated cohort of scholars and fellows dedicated to diverse excellences and the initiatives of the society at Emory University.

**Eligibility**

To be considered for the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, applicants must:

- Be a full-time student in any doctoral program, in excellent standing; or a postdoctoral fellow who has received their PhD degree over the last 6 years
- Have completed all coursework and successfully advanced to candidacy;
- Must not be graduating or ending their postdoctoral appointment prior to December 2023;
- Demonstrate the embodiment of the five CLASS areas;
- Must be available to attend the entire Annual Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Conference in New Haven, CT in March 31-April 2nd 2023.

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**Application Tips**
Priority consideration is given to scholars who intend to pursue academic careers; have a demonstrated commitment to advancing diversity, equity, access, and inclusion in higher education; and are from backgrounds historically underrepresented in the academy.

**Application Checklist**
A complete application will include:
1. A current curriculum vitae;
2. A personal statement (1-2 pages) that explains how you embody the characteristics of Dr. Edward Bouchet and the mission of the National BHS;
3. A statement (1-2 pages) describing your commitment to diversity in the academy and future professional plans in the academy;
4. A copy of your Emory transcript (an unofficial transcript issued to you is acceptable);
5. A letter of recommendation from your academic advisor/PI/supervisor assessing and describing your embodiment of the five CLASS areas.

*Statements should be with 11-pt font, single space, normal margins.*

**Submission Instructions**
All nominations and applications, including supporting materials, will be uploaded using ADMIT.
- Go to [https://www.applyweb.com/emoryfel/index.ftl](https://www.applyweb.com/emoryfel/index.ftl). Log in using your regular ApplyWeb / CollegeNET username and password if you have them, or set up an account first and then log in.
- In the “Search for a Fellowship” field, type **Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society** and click on the selection. You will then be allowed to begin the application. The application will not let you proceed until you upload all the necessary materials. You will need to upload your application items as pdf files.

**Selection**
The selection committee, led by the Associate Dean of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement, will ask selected applicants to participate in a short interview. The committee will evaluate the alignment of the applicants’ qualifications, interests, and experiences with the mission of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society. Up to 10 scholars/fellows will be chosen.

**Award Notifications**
Notice of the selected scholars will be sent by February 25, 2023.

**Questions**
For questions, please contact Laney EDGE at laney.edge@emory.edu.