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## EDWARD A. BOUCHET GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY AT EMORY UNIVERSITY

2025 Application Guidelines

*Fellowship Description:* Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement

**Apply by January 31, 2025**

Laney Graduate School at Emory University is now accepting invites applications for the [2025 Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society](#).

In 2019, the Laney Graduate School joined the National Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, which honors the legacy of Dr. Edward Alexander Bouchet, the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in the United States (Physics, Yale University, 1876). The Society recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement and promotes diversity and excellence in doctoral education and the professoriate. It serves as a network of distinguished scholars who exemplify academic and personal excellence, foster supportive environments, and demonstrate the CLASS principles:

- Character
- Leadership
- Advocacy
- Scholarship
- Service

In keeping with Dr. Bouchet's commitment to these ideals, inductees to the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society at Emory University must show significant accomplishments in these five areas.

- **Character** – exhibit the highest values of their university, through integrity, honor, and exemplary conduct and behavior; exhibit emotional courage, principles, endurance, and perseverance; reliable and consistent
- **Leadership** – the embodiment of the ideals of Emory and represent our mission, demonstrate strong initiative, and 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.

### ELIGIBILITY

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

- **Graduate Scholars:** Be a full-time doctoral student in good standing, have completed coursework, and advanced to candidacy.
- **Postdoctoral Fellows:** Hold a Ph.D. received in the last six years and must not be graduating or ending their appointment before December 2025.

- Applicants must demonstrate the embodiment of the five CLASS areas and be available to attend **the entire** Annual Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Conference in New Haven, CT, from April 4-6, 2025.

**Applications are encouraged from U.S. citizens, permanent residents, international scholars, and undocumented scholars.**

### **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

A complete application includes:

1. Current CV, Resume or Biosketch
2. Statement of Purpose (1-2 pages) explaining how you embody Dr. Bouchet's values and the mission of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.
3. Statement on Diversity (1-2 pages) outlining your commitment to diversity in academia and your professional plans.
4. Emory Transcript (an unofficial copy is acceptable, *for graduate students only*)
5. Letter of Recommendation from your academic advisor, PI, or supervisor detailing how you embody the five CLASS areas.

*Statements should be in an 11-point font, single-spaced, with normal margins.*

### **Application Tips:**

Priority will be given to applicants who align with one of the following:

- Demonstrate a commitment to advancing diversity, equity, access, and inclusion in higher education through their work experience, volunteer engagement, or leadership of student or community organizations;
- Come from backgrounds historically underrepresented in academia.
  - These historically underrepresented groups may be based on race, ethnicity, gender, national origin/citizenship status in the U.S. See [Emory's Institutional Statement on Diversity](#);
- Plan to pursue academic careers.

### **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

**For Doctoral Students:** Apply through the Advanced Fellowship form in the [Laney Connect Hub](#), using your Emory credentials.

**For Postdoctoral Fellows:** Use the dedicated postdoc application form available [here](#).

*If you are a postdoc taking courses as a special standing in the Laney Graduate School, use the postdoc version of the form.*

*If you encounter any issues with the application, contact [laneygs@emory.edu](mailto:laneygs@emory.edu) for assistance.*

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

A selection committee led by the Associate Dean of Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement will review applications and conduct brief interviews with selected applicants. Up to 10 scholars will be chosen.

### **AWARD NOTIFICATIONS**

Notice of the selected scholars will be sent by February 23, 2025.

### **QUESTIONS**

For questions, please contact Laney EDGE at [laney.edge@emory.edu](mailto:laney.edge@emory.edu).

***This is a remarkable opportunity to join a distinguished network of scholars committed to advancing academic excellence and diversity. Please share with your colleagues and peers.***