



## [Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society at Emory University](#)

2024 Application Guidelines

Fellowship Description: Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement

**Apply by January 22, 2024**

The Emory University, Laney Graduate School seeks applications for the [2024 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; 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

*The Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society at Emory University will be accepting applications from postdoctoral fellows for the 2nd time this year (Spring 2024). This expansion of eligible members is done with the hope of establishing a robust and dedicated cohort of scholars and fellows dedicated to diverse excellence and the initiatives of the society at Emory University.*

### **Eligibility**

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

- **Graduate Scholars:** Be a full-time student in any doctoral program, in excellent standing; have completed all coursework and successfully advanced to candidacy;

- **Postdoctoral Fellows:** Be a postdoctoral fellow who has received their PhD degree over the last 6 years
- Must not be graduating or ending their postdoctoral appointment prior to December 2024;
- 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 on April 5-7, 2024.

\*\*US citizens, permanent residents, international scholars, and undocumented scholars are all encouraged to apply. \*\*

### **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 statement of purpose (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. You request a letter from inside the application form (see below). Submit your application early, to give your letter writer time to submit their letter by the deadline.

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

### **Submission Instructions**

**Laney Graduate School doctoral students** will apply using the Advanced Fellowship form available in the Laney Connect Hub.

- Log in to the [Laney Connect Hub](#), using your Emory credentials
- Click on the Advanced Fellowship tab, and then on the link to the Advanced Fellowships application form

**Post-docs** will apply using a dedicated application form for post-docs: [click here to access the form](#).

- If you are a post-doc taking a class or two in LGS as a special standing, use the post-doc version of the form.

If you have trouble with either form, email [laneygs@emory.edu](mailto:laneygs@emory.edu), and we will help you.

### **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 applicant's 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 23, 2024.

### **Questions**

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