

NOMINATION FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society

Edward Bouchet (1852-1918) was the first African American to earn a doctorate from an American university when he earned a Ph.D. in physics at Yale University in 1876. He was also one of the first African Americans to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Also, he was the first African American to graduate from Yale College in 1874. Bouchet was the sixth person in the western hemisphere to earn a doctorate in physics.



The Bouchet Graduate Honor Society was inaugurated on Thursday, September 15, 2005 with a simulcast ceremony held at Yale University and Howard University. The co-founding chapters seek to recognize and continue Dr. Bouchet's pioneering contributions to doctoral education.

The Howard University and Yale University partnership with the Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement and promotes excellence and diversity in doctoral education and the professoriate. The Bouchet Graduate Honor Society seeks to develop a network of preeminent scholars who exemplify academic and personal excellence, foster environments of support, and serve as examples of scholarship, leadership, character, service, and advocacy in the academy.

**Edward Alexander Bouchet
(1852-1918)**

Membership into the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society is by nomination only. All student nominees must be ABD (i.e., completed qualifying exam, orals, qualifying papers or equivalent) and submit all materials listed below. Faculty, Alumni and Lifetime/Honorary members are invited to join the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

Nomination criteria for students and post-doctoral fellows:

- Three letters of recommendation to the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society must be submitted from each of the following:
 - (1) the nominee's dissertation advisor
 - (2) a graduate faculty member invested in the nominee's research
 - (3) a faculty member, dean or director at the nominee's institution
- A nomination evaluation form from each of three recommenders above (indicating strengths of nominee as regards to the five thrusts of the Honor Society);
- Transcripts from all graduate and professional schools attended;
- A current curriculum vitae;
- Scholarly writing sample;
- A personal statement capturing how the nominee embodies the characteristics of Dr. Bouchet as expressed through the five thrusts and the mission of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society. Additionally, the candidate should address their anticipated contributions to the Society (2 - 3 pages).

Selection Process:

- Upon receipt of completed application materials for nominees, the Membership Selection Committee will review all applications.
- An interview process for finalists will be conducted by faculty and administrator members of the Membership Selection Committee.
- The Membership Selection Committee will then provide a recommendation of inductees for consideration to the National Steering Committee.
- The National Steering Committee reviews all nominated applications submitted from chapter institutions and reserves the right to approve or decline membership into the Bouchet Society.

2010 Timeline:

- Application information and materials will be made available on-line by November 1, 2009.
- Deadline for receipt of nomination letters and application materials – by February 1, 2010
- Announcement of new members – March 1, 2010
- Inaugural Induction Ceremony – March 27, 2010 at the Yale Bouchet Conference on Diversity in Graduate Education.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Types of Membership:

Membership into the Bouchet Honor Society is by nomination only and approved by the National Steering Committee. The levels of membership are as listed below:

Doctoral Student Membership is available to any individual who is currently a doctoral student in good academic standing, and through initial research achievement in a humanities, social sciences and sciences field, shown outstanding promise as a scholar, as evidenced by independent investigation or current work on a dissertation project.

Post-Doctoral Member is available to any individual who has received their PhD degree over the last 6 years, and through initial research achievement in a humanities, social sciences and sciences field shown outstanding promise as a scholar, as evidenced by independent investigation, completion of the dissertation and publications.

Faculty Membership is conferred upon any individual who has shown noteworthy achievement as a scholar and exemplar of the Bouchet Society's mission. The faculty should currently hold an appointment in the humanities, social sciences, or sciences fields, with a record of publication and evidence of research and teaching in their field of study. Individuals who are invited to membership have (by virtue of their scholarship, research, teaching and service) shown their commitment to ensuring excellence and equity in graduate education.

Alumni Member is conferred upon any individual who has shown noteworthy achievement as a scholar and exemplar of the Bouchet Society's mission in the humanities, social sciences, or sciences fields and who has received their PhD from the member institution. Individuals who are invited membership have (by virtue of their scholarship, research, teaching and service) shown their commitment to ensuring excellence and equity in graduate education.

Lifetime or Honorary Member is conferred upon any individual who has shown outstanding and noteworthy achievement as a scholar and exemplar of the Bouchet Society's mission in the humanities, social sciences, or sciences fields. Individuals who are invited to membership have (by virtue of their scholarship, research, teaching and service) shown their commitment to ensuring excellence and equity in graduate education.

Invited Membership Procedures

Faculty, Alumni and Honorary Members should submit the following upon invitation:

Curriculum vitae or résumé

Selected publication for the *Bouchet Journal*

Personal statement depicting anticipated contributions to the Bouchet Society

All materials must be received on or before February 1, 2010, to the inviter's attention.

Nominee Profile

Nominate for Student Membership Nominate for Postdoctoral Membership

Preferred Prefix for Nominee (check): Dr. Mr. Ms. Mrs.

Name of Nominee (first middle last)

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Business Address Department/Building/Box

Institution

Street

Business Phone (include area code)

Business Fax (include area code)

City

State

Zip

Country

E-Mail

Permanent Home Address

Phone (include area code)

City

State

Zip

Country

Which address should be used for Bouchet mailings?

- Business
 Home

Degree(s) sought:

- PhD PhD/EdD
 PhD/JD PhD /MD
 PhD/Other _____

Year obtained/expected: _____

Primary research field (check all that apply):

- Humanities

Field of Study: _____

- Social Sciences

Field of Study: _____

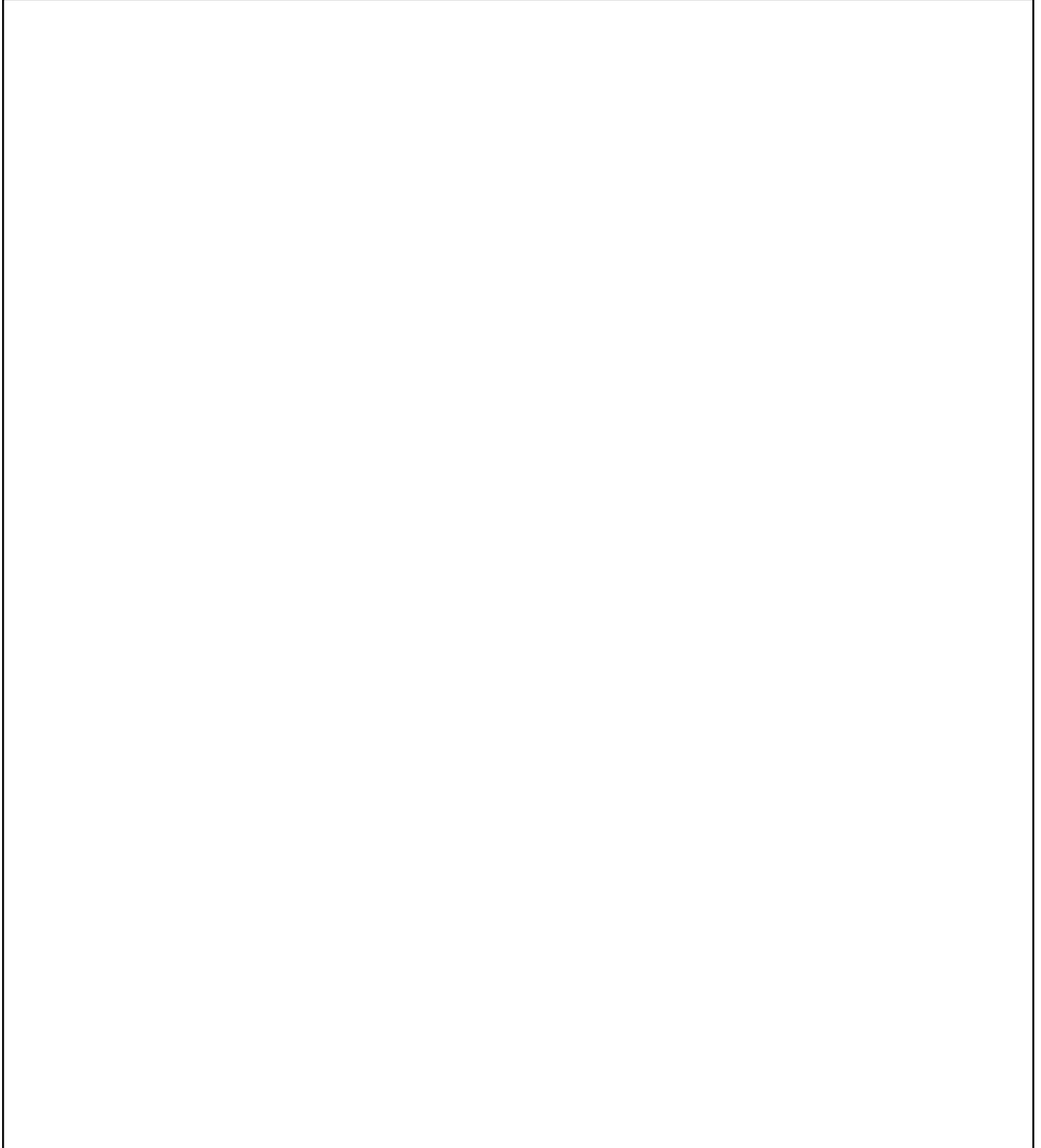
- Sciences

Field of Study: _____

Dissertation Research (provide title or brief description of dissertation):

Statement of Purpose:

The nominee should write a statement (approximately 2-3 pages), indicating their educational and career accomplishments and future professional goals, past and current academic experience and the ways in which they have and will continue to fulfill the five thrusts of scholarship, character, leadership, service and advocacy that are the hallmarks of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

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First Nominator

Thesis Adviser or
Dissertation Committee Faculty Member

Please check here if nominator should be notified of results of this nomination.

Name of Nominator (first, middle, last) Member Number (if known)

Institution Department

E-mail Phone (include area code)

Signature (if submitting electronically, nominator may type name as long as form is submitted from his/her E-mail address)

Please complete attached nomination evaluation form and submit with recommendation letter.

