

## BOUCHET GRADUATE HONOR SOCIETY: NOMINATION FORMS FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOTE: This form should only be used by current or former Yale prospective applicants. All other applicants may apply by following the procedures and using the appropriate forms provided by your home institution. Your home or former home institution must have an established Bouchet Graduate Honor Society chapter.

Contact your Graduate School Dean to determine whether or not your institution has a chapter.

Edward Bouchet (1852-1918) was the first self-identified 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 and one of the first African Americans to graduate from Yale College in 1874. Bouchet was the sixth person in the western hemisphere to earn a Ph.D. in physics.



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

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 Yale University and Howard 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.

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*Membership into the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society is by nomination only. All student nominees must be ABD (i.e., completed qualifying exams, orals, qualifying papers or equivalent) and submit all materials listed below. Faculty and post-doctoral fellows are invited to join the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.*

### **Nomination criteria for students and post-doctoral fellows:**

- Three letters of recommendation for the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society must be submitted from each of the following:
  - (1) the nominee's dissertation or faculty advisor with a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences appointment
  - (2) a faculty member with a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences appointment invested in the nominee's research
  - (3) a faculty member, dean or director from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- A nomination evaluation form from each of the three recommenders above, indicating strengths of the nominee as they relate to the five pillars of the Honor Society, namely, scholarship, leadership, character, service, and advocacy;
- 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 pillars and the mission of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society. Additionally, the candidate should address their anticipated contributions to the Society (2 - 3 pages).

## **Nomination Criteria for Faculty Members**

- Faculty with a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences appointment may be nominated by other faculty members only. The nominator should email a recommendation to michelle.nearon@yale.edu. It should indicate the strengths of the nominee as they relate to the five pillars of the society, namely, leadership, scholarship, character, service, and advocacy.
- Faculty member nominees should submit a CV and personal statement detailing how they intend to contribute to the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

### **Selection Process:**

- Upon receipt of completed application materials from nominees, the Membership Selection Committee will review all applications and select inductees.

### **Timeline:**

- Application information and materials available on-line – December 1
- Deadline for receipt of nomination letters and application materials – February 15
- Announcement of new members – March 1
- March/April: Induction Ceremony – Annually at the Yale Bouchet Conference on Diversity and Graduate Education.

# MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

## **Types of Membership:**

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

**Doctoral Student Membership** will be considered for any individual who is currently a Ph.D. student in good academic standing, and through initial research achievement in a humanities, social sciences, or sciences field, has shown outstanding promise as a scholar, as evidenced by independent investigations or current work on a dissertation project.

**Post-Doctoral Member** will be considered for any individual who has received their Ph.D. degree over the last 6 years, and through initial research achievement in a humanities, social sciences, or sciences field has shown outstanding promise as a scholar, as evidenced by independent investigations, completion of the dissertation and publications.

**Faculty Membership** will be considered for any individual who has a Graduate School of Arts and Sciences appointment and a Ph.D. and has shown noteworthy achievement as a scholar and exemplar of the Bouchet Society's mission. The faculty must have a Ph.D. degree (other doctoral degrees are not acceptable) and 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.

All materials must be received on or before March 1 and should be emailed to [michelle.nearon@yale.edu](mailto:michelle.nearon@yale.edu).

# Nominee Profile

Nominate for Student Membership  Nominate for Faculty or Postdoctoral Membership

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

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



**Degree(s) sought:**

PhD  PhD / MD

PhD/JD

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 pillars of scholarship, character, leadership, service, and advocacy that are the hallmarks of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

# First Nominator

Thesis or Faculty Adviser or  
Dissertation Committee Faculty Member

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

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Name of Nominator (first, middle, last)

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Institution

Department

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E-mail

Phone (include area code)

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Signature (Form should be submitted from nominator's E-mail address)

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

# Nomination Evaluation Form (First Nominator)

## (To be completed by the Nominee):

Nominate for Student Membership     Nominate for Postdoctoral Membership  
 Preferred Prefix for Nominee (check):     Dr.     Mr.     Ms.     Mrs.     Mx.

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 Name of Nominee (first middle last)

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 Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone

**Statement on Confidentiality.** Federal law gives students the option of waiving their right to see specific letters of recommendation. If applicant has waived this right by signing the waiver below, this letter will be held confidential. If the applicant has not signed the waiver it will be assumed that this letter may have been seen by the applicant if he or she is inducted into the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

**Waiver.** In accordance with the Family Education and Privacy Act of 1974, I waive my right to review this letter.

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 SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE

## To be Completed by the Nominator:

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 Name of Nominator (first, middle, last)

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 Position

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Institution

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department

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 E-mail

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 Phone (include area code)

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 Signature (Form should be submitted from nominator's E-mail address)

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	1	2	3	4	5
	Needs Improvement				Outstanding
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Descriptive Comments:

How has this applicant exemplified their strengths in the areas of SCHOLARSHIP, CHARACTER, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, and ADVOCACY?

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Please comment on the applicant's strengths and special qualities which would make them an ideal member of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

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DATE

**Email the nomination form and nomination letter to:**

michelle.nearon@yale.edu



# Second Nominator

## Faculty Member

Information from an Advisor or Dissertation Chair acting as first nominator follows:

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Name of Nominator (first, middle, last)

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Institution

Department

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E-mail

Phone (include area code)

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Signature (Form should be submitted from nominator's E-mail address)

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

# Nomination Evaluation Form (Second Nominator)

## (To be completed by the Nominee):

Nominate for Student Membership     Nominate for Postdoctoral Membership  
 Preferred Prefix for Nominee (check):    Dr.    Mr.    Ms.    Mrs.    Mx.

Name of Nominee (first middle last)

Email Address

Phone

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## To be Completed by the Nominator:

Name of Nominator (first, middle, last)

Position

Institution

Department

E-mail

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# Third Nominator

Faculty Member or Dean or Program Director

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Institution

Department

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E-mail

Phone (include area code)

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Signature (Form should be submitted from nominator's E-mail address)

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# Nomination Evaluation Form (Third Nominator)

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## **Submitting the Membership Nomination Forms:**

### **Checklist:**

- **Nomination Letter**
- **2 Additional Recommendation Letters**
- **Nomination Evaluation Forms (completed and signed by three nominators providing letters)**
- **Nominee Statement of Purpose**
- **Current Curriculum Vitae**
- **Graduate school and/or professional school transcripts (to be submitted only by nominees being considered for doctoral student or post-doctoral memberships)**
- **Writing Sample**

**All materials must be sent to the email address below by March 1.**

**[michelle.nearon@yale.edu](mailto:michelle.nearon@yale.edu)**