



# **Emory Bouchet Graduate Honor Society**

2019-2020 Application Fellowship Description: Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement

## Apply by January 15, 2020

The Laney Graduate School seeks applications for the 2019-2020 Emory Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

Named for the first African American doctoral recipient in the United States (Physics, Yale University, 1876), the National Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society (BHS) recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement and promotes diversity and excellence in doctoral education and the professoriate. The BHS 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 Emory Bouchet Graduate Honor Society 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

#### Eligibility

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

- Be a full-time student in any doctoral program, in excellent standing;
- Have completed all coursework and successfully advanced to candidacy; •
- Must not be graduating prior to December 2020; •
- Demonstrate the embodiment of the five CLASS areas; •
- Must be available to travel April 16-19, 2020. •

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 Guidelines**

A complete application will include:

- 1. Graduate School Fellowship Application cover sheet (available to download at this link, under Resources):
  - http://www.gs.emory.edu/professional-development/fellowships/advanced.html);
- 2. A current curriculum vitae;
- 3. A statement of purpose (1-2 pages) that explains how you embody the characteristics of Dr. Bouchet and the mission of the National BHS;
- 4. A statement (1-2 pages) describing your commitment to diversity in the academy and future professional plans in the academy (in the online application, upload this as "Additional Attachment 1");
- 5. A copy of your Emory transcript (a copy of an unofficial transcript issued to you is acceptable);
- 6. A letter of recommendation from your advisor or Director of Graduate Studies assessing your embodiment of the five CLASS areas. You will be asked for recommender information in the online application, and your advisor will submit the recommendation online.

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

#### **ADMIT Submission Instructions**

All nominations and applications, including supporting materials, will be uploaded using CollegeNET / Applyweb.

- 1. Go to <u>https://www.applyweb.com/emoryfel/index.ftl.</u> and log in using your regular username and password or set up an account with first and then log in.
- 2. Click Laney Graduate School Advanced Student Fellowshios, then select **Emory Bouchet Graduate Honor Society** and follow the instructions. The application will not let you proceed until you upload all the necessary materials. You will need to upload the nomination or application items as **pdf files**.

#### Selection

The selection committee, led by the Assistant 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.

#### **Award Notifications**

Notice of the selected scholars will be sent by February 15, 2020.

### Questions

For questions, please contact Amanda Marie James, PhD at amandamariejames@emory.edu.