Bouchet Graduate Honor Society
Nomination Process and Requirements

The Bouchet Graduate Honor Society
The Bouchet 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 for students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the academy.

Membership Criteria
Membership into the Bouchet Honor Graduate Society is by nomination only and approved by the National Steering Committee. 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, has shown outstanding promise as a scholar, as evidenced by independent investigation or current work on a dissertation project.

Nomination Criteria and Application Packet
Membership into the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society is a competitive process and 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.

1. A nomination form completed by the nominee’s dissertation/graduate advisor that indicates the strengths of the nominee in regards to the five thrusts of the Honor Society (scholarship, character, leadership, service, and advocacy)
2. A letter of recommendation from the nominee’s dissertation/graduate advisor
3. A second nomination form completed by a University of Miami faculty member, dean, or director that indicates the strengths of the nominee in regards to the five thrusts of the Honor Society (scholarship, character, leadership, service, and advocacy)
4. A letter of recommendation from the University of Miami faculty member, dean, or director completing the second nomination form
5. A nomination information form completed by the nominee
6. The nominee’s curriculum vitae
7. A 2-page personal statement (Times New Roman, 11pt font, double-spaced) written by the nominee describing how the nominee embodies the characteristics of Dr. Bouchet as expressed through the five thrusts and the mission of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society. The nominee should also address educational and career accomplishments, future professional goals, and anticipated contributions to the Society.
8. A scholarly writing sample provided by the nominee
9. A 250-word biographical sketch written by the nominee (Times New Roman, 11pt font, single-spaced) with bold face for the student’s name, italic lettering for the field of study, and “justified” alignment for the text. The text should be written in the third person and it should only include a description of the student’s research, publications, and awards. Please do not include any personal non-academic information, like hobbies and interests.
Sample Biographical Sketch:

Malik D. Lewis  
Chemistry

Malik D. Lewis is a candidate for the Ph.D. in chemistry with a concentration in medicinal organic chemistry at Howard University. His research focuses on the design, synthesis, and evaluation of novel small molecules as anti-prostate cancer agents. Malik has been recognized as an Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) Fellow, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning Network STEM Education Scholar, and received the Preparing Future Faculty certificate of completion. As well, he received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Boston College, where he was a recipient of the Corcoran Scholarship. Malik learns and grows with every endeavor, and believes in sharing a love of chemistry through his teaching. He has been an avid volunteer with the Community Science fest, a community-directed science literacy effort centered on providing hands-on experiences to DC-area students from pre-K to high school. Ultimately, Malik aspires to work at the intersection of business and science, with a passion for improving lives through science and new technology.

Selection Process

Upon receipt of the nominees’ complete application packets by the February 19, 2018 deadline, the University of Miami Membership Selection Committee will review all applications. An interview process for finalists will be conducted by members of the Membership Selection Committee between February 20th and 28th. 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.

Timeline

February 19: Deadline for submission of nomination letters and application materials (submit to Tiffany Plantan, Director of Education, Graduate School, at t.plantan@miami.edu or bring to Ashe 235)

February 20-28: Finalists are interviewed by the Membership Selection Committee, which then provides a recommendation of inductees to the National Steering Committee

March 15: Announcement of inductees

April 26-28: Annual Inaugural Induction Ceremony at Yale's Annual Bouchet Conference on Diversity and Graduate Education

Contact

Nomination materials must be submitted to Tiffany Plantan, Director of Education, electronically t.plantan@miami.edu or in person to 235 Ashe Administration Building Room, Coral Gables, FL 33146.

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*The information provided above is adapted from the website of the Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.*