

From: [Dean of Grad Ed & Postdoc Affrs](#)
Subject: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: Bouchet Graduate Honor Society
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Dear Graduate Program Chairs, Coordinators, and Diversity Coordinators,

In Fall 2008, UC San Diego became an institutional member of the Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society. Edward A. Bouchet 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. The Bouchet Society, founded by Yale University and Howard University in 2005, seeks to recognize and continue Dr. Bouchet's pioneering contributions to doctoral education by developing a network of pre-eminent scholars who serve as examples of leadership, character, service, and advocacy for students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the academy. UC San Diego was fortunate to have been asked to be one of the small, inaugural group of universities, other than Yale and Howard, to join.

In 2021-2022 the UC San Diego Division of Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs (GEPA) inducted its twelfth cohort of members into the society by selecting five outstanding UC San Diego graduate students. To learn more about our Bouchet scholars go to the [GEPA Bouchet website](#).

At this time we are taking nominations for the 2022-2023 cohort. Five nominees will be selected to represent UC San Diego.

Please encourage your faculty to nominate worthy candidates. We hope that you will also personally consider making a nomination of a student from your discipline. Candidates for nomination should be Ph.D. students in high academic standing who have **advanced to candidacy, and who exemplify the characteristics of Edward A. Bouchet, including strength of character, leadership, advocacy, service, and scholarly achievement.** For more information on the society visit: <http://grad.ucsd.edu/diversity/programs/bouchet/index.html>

To make a nomination please fill out [this Google form](#) and attach a letter of nomination to it **by Thursday, November 03, 2022. We will follow up with each nominee individually to obtain the additional required nomination materials.**

In January a committee will review the nominees and select candidates for membership. Selected students will be supported by GEPA to attend the annual Bouchet Conference on Diversity in Graduate Education held at Yale University in Spring 2023 where they will also be inducted into the society. In recognition of the Bouchet Scholars' contributions to our campus, each Scholar will receive a \$500 Bouchet Scholar award.

We look forward to receiving your nominations. Questions can be directed to abjornsen@ucsd.edu

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