



The University Graduate School is pleased to invite applications for nomination to the [Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society](#) (Bouchet Society). As a chapter institution, FIU may nominate select doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows for membership in this prestigious society through an internal selection process.

The Bouchet Society recognizes outstanding scholarly achievement and promotes excellence in doctoral education and the professoriate. Members exemplify academic and personal excellence, foster supportive scholarly communities, and serve as models of **scholarship, leadership, character, service, and advocacy**. Nominees must demonstrate significant achievement in each of these five areas. Membership in the Bouchet Society provides professional recognition and valuable networking opportunities.

Selected nominees will be invited to participate in the **Induction Ceremony at Yale University** during the [Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Annual Conference](#) on **April 10–11, 2026**. By applying, scholars commit to attending the conference and representing FIU. In addition to attending, selected scholars will have the opportunity to submit an abstract and present their research at the conference. The University Graduate School will cover all expenses associated with the travel to the conference.

Applicant Eligibility

- **FIU PhD students** who have advanced to candidacy and who will be enrolled during Spring 2026 term
- **FIU postdoctoral scholars** who received their PhD within the past five years
- Students in other doctoral (non-PhD) programs are not eligible
- Priority consideration will be given to applicants who intend to pursue academic careers.

All application materials must be submitted by **January 12, 2026**.

From the doctoral candidate or postdoctoral scholar

1. **Statement of purpose (2-page maximum)** addressing:
 - Educational and career accomplishments
 - Future professional goals
 - Past and current academic experiences
 - Ways in which they have and will continue to fulfill the five thrusts of scholarship, character, leadership, service, and advocacy

- How the candidate's educational accomplishments will contribute to the mission of the Bouchet Society
2. **A 250-word dissertation abstract**
 3. **A current curriculum vitae (2-page maximum)**

Application materials should be submitted **via Qualtrics as a single combined PDF document** at: https://fiu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eEvOEHh3867HLsq

From a faculty mentor or dissertation advisor

1. Recommendation form (attached) along with a letter of recommendation (1–2 pages) addressing the student's scholarship, character, academic excellence, and overall qualifications for nomination to the Bouchet Society.

Optional – From an additional faculty, staff, or community member

2. Additional letter of recommendation from another faculty/staff or community member who is familiar with the applicant's character and broader contributions that complement research and teaching.

Letters should be submitted directly by email to Mr. Ivan Melgar at imelgar@fiu.edu **by January 12, 2026** with the following subject headline: Bouchet Letter of Recommendation_Applicant Last Name, First Name

Key Dates

- **Application and Letters of Recommendation deadline:** January 12, 2026
- **Applicants notified of final decision:** February 9, 2026
- **Abstract submission deadline for Yale Bouchet Conference (if presenting):** February 15, 2026
- **Yale Bouchet Conference & Induction Ceremony:** April 10–11, 2026