Mission Statement
The purpose of the Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society (Bouchet Society) is to recognize outstanding scholarly achievement and promote diversity and excellence in doctoral education and the professoriate. The Bouchet Society seeks to develop a network of scholars who exemplify academic and personal excellence, and serve as examples of scholarship, leadership, character, service, and advocacy for students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the academy. In the spirit of Edward Alexander Bouchet and the scholarship, leadership, character, service, and advocacy he exhibited, inductees into the honor society bearing his name should exhibit these same outstanding qualities.

Institutional Chapters
Yale University and Howard University are the founding chapters of the Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society. The Bouchet Society was inaugurated on September 15, 2005 on the occasion of Dr. Bouchet’s birthday. Since the inception, the following institutions have established chapters: Cornell University, Georgetown University, University of Michigan, University of Washington, and Washington University in St. Louis.

Membership
Membership in the Michigan chapter is available by application for doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows. Doctoral student members must have achieved candidacy and be in high academic standing in their doctoral program. For further information about membership, please contact Ali Salamey (duras@umich.edu).

The induction ceremony for new members from all chapters is held each spring at Yale University during the Bouchet Conference on Diversity. New members from all chapters are featured each September during the Bouchet Forum at Howard University commemorating the founding of the Bouchet Graduate Honor Society. The Michigan chapter is planning events for members throughout the academic year in Ann Arbor.

Honorary Members Include
John Hope Franklin, Julian Earls, Marian Wright Edelman, Freeman Hrabowski, Ill, Shirley Malcolm, and most recently, James C. Wimbush.