**Application Form for the**

Hotchkiss Teaching Fellowship:

Summer Environmental Science Program

**Application Deadline: Wednesday April 9th, 2014**

Please apply promptly if you will need to arrange a visa.

**Program Description**

The Hotchkiss School in Connecticut, USA, is currently accepting applications for the [Summer Portals](http://www.hotchkiss.org/summer-programs/index.aspx) Environmental Science **Teaching Fellowship program.** This program takes place from June 22- July 13, 2014. There are two Teaching Fellowship spots available for **Middle Eastern Arava Institute alumni.**

Hotchkiss Summer Portals is an educational summer program for young people aged 12-15 from all over the world. The Hotchkiss Summer Environmental Science (SES) program cultivates in its students a knowledge of environmental science, provides an immersion in the natural world, and encourages them to become stewards of those resources on a local, regional, national, and global level.

Teaching Fellows at Hotchkiss Summer Portals SES work closely with skilled teachers and gain valuable real-world experience. Fellows also play an important role in the program by imparting their unique perspective on global and local environmental issues to students.

Specific responsibilities of Teaching Fellows include:

* Assisting in lesson planning, especially in the Fellow’s area of expertise
* Assisting teachers in classroom, laboratory, and field activities, and providing leadership and supervision on field trips and hikes
* Attending and participating in faculty meetings
* Contributing to the Student Reports at the end of the session
* Developing and presenting at least one individual lesson or activity – this may be designed by the Fellow or by his/her faculty colleagues
* Designing and presenting at least one evening session in conjunction with the other Arava Institute Teaching Fellow. Past topics have included an introduction of the Arava Institute and current Arab/Israeli politics.

Fellows will also be exposed to all aspects of the SES Program, including the outdoor challenge (hiking, camping, canoeing, caving), classroom teaching, lab and field activities, evening speakers, and curriculum planning.

**Requirements for Application:**

* Demonstrated interest in working with young people
* Interest in environmental issues
* Solid English language skills
* Willingness to speak publicly about your experiences as a student at the Arava Institute
* Be an alumni of the Arava Institute

**Teaching Fellows are responsible for funding their own travel to and from Connecticut.** The Hotchkiss School provides housing, meals, partial travel reimbursement, and a $2000 stipend upon successful completion of the Fellowship.

**How to Apply**

To apply:

* Fill out the General Information form and respond to the Essay Questions below.
* Email your completed application to the Admissions Committee at [info@arava.org](mailto:info@arava.org).
* Qualified applicants may be asked to do a skype or phone interview.

Please email Sarah Rubin, FAI Program Manager, if you have any questions. Her email address is [sarah@friendsofarava.org](mailto:sarah@friendsofarava.org).

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**General Information:**

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| Name (first, middle, last) |  |
| Home Address: |  |
| City/State/Country: |  |
| Phone Number: |  |
| Email Address: |  |
| Date of Birth: |  |
| Place of Birth: |  |
| Passport Country and Number (List all passports): |  |
| Years of Study at AIES: |  |

**Essay Questions:**

Please explain why you are applying for the Hotchkiss Teaching Fellowship. Indicate your goals for the Fellowship, and how they relate to your personal and professional aspirations. Please write 2-3 full paragraphs on the next page.