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Six universities unite to offer semester at sea

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The Scholar Ship, an academic program for an international student body, will launch its inaugural semester in September.

Royal [Caribbean](#) Cruises is providing funding and operational support for the Scholar Ship. Six international universities have helped develop the program, contributing curriculum and faculty, and some 600 graduate students and undergraduates are expected to participate.

The 16-week semester will start in Athens, Greece, then [travel](#) to Europe, the Americas, the South Pacific and Asia.

Universities that helped develop the curriculum are University of California, Berkeley; Fudan University, China; Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico; Al Akhawayn University, Morocco; the University of Ghana; and Macquarie University, Australia, which has been designated to award academic credit to students.

More than 8,000 students from 175 countries have requested an application for admission. Program fees are about \$20,000 per semester; a \$2 million scholarship fund will help economically disadvantaged students. Information: www.thescholarship.com.



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