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Royal Caribbean launches floating university

Now where was this when I was in college? [Royal Caribbean](#) plans to launch a "floating university" next year, offering four-month-long, around-the-world educational trips for college students who want to spend a semester studying abroad.

"The Scholar Ship," as it'll be called, will debut next September with a 16-week voyage starting in Athens that includes port calls from Lisbon to Sydney to Shanghai. The line says it has partnered with six international universities, including the University of California -- Berkeley, to devise the program, which will operate as a subsidiary.

Royal Caribbean hasn't said what ship it'll use for the educational trips -- it's in the process of leasing one -- but the program is limited to 600 students per semester. It'll cost about \$20,000 per student. Applications are available at <http://www.thescholarship.com>.

Of course, there's already one other outfit offering study-at-sea programs for college students, the long-running Semester at Sea school.

Would you spend \$20,000 to send your college-age kid sailing around the world? Leave your thoughts [HERE](#).

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