

Columbia Summer in ITOSHIMA

ECOLOGY AND SOCIETY IN RURAL JAPAN



This new **fully-funded** 2.5 week program brings students, faculty and the local community together in an immersive learning environment spanning the mountains, rivers and coastlines of rural Japan. A small group of students will study history, ecology, anthropology, literature and economics while planting rice, cutting bamboo and harvesting oysters in an experimental program that reimagines liberal arts education from the roots up. Pioneered by small-scale, place-based learning initiatives, our program is designed using a three pillar pedagogical model, which includes **physical labor**, **deep reading**, and **shared governance**. The theme for summer 2026 is *Thinking Like a Watershed*, which explores the relationship between water and human society at multiple scales.

Airfare and all program activities, including room and board, will be generously funded by the Unson Foundation.

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Information Sessions

- Thursday, November 20th, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM ET
- Friday, December 5th, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM ET
- Friday, January 23rd, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM ET

