

Wood Kiln Yard Technician Position

Guldagergaard is an international ceramic research center with “artist in-residence” as its focus as well as talent development and dissemination of ceramics.

Our goal is to provide the best facilities and knowledge about clay, production methods and techniques. We have now put the pandemic behind us, and we are expanding our ceramic goals and we seek a Wood Kiln Yard Technician to be part of the team at our small institute.

Guldagergaard International Ceramics Research Center invites applications for the post of Wood Kiln Yard Technician. The position is for a 30-hour week flexi-time with a 2 year contract with the possibility of extension and a 3 month position review. For the first year the Kiln Yard Technician will receive accommodation and a studio space on site to facilitate their own skills and knowledge of wood firing and the facilities offered by Guldagergaard.

Guldagergaard International Research Center is calling for applicants who have experience of atmospheric firing and are also eager to learn more within this field. The Wood Kiln Yard Technician will be responsible for initiating, coordinating, and facilitating projects and workshops involving wood-firing at Guldagergaard and will also work together with other staff members in promoting the facilities of the International Research Center.

The Wood Kiln Yard Technician will be expected to encourage an experimental and enquiring approach to wood firing. It is Guldagergaards aim to encourage wood-firing in contemporary ceramic practice, combining firing with advances in new technology; from computer tracking of firing schedules to the design of kilns and ceramic ware using computer aided design software. The position will also include working with and supporting other staff members in duties such as the daily running of Guldagergaard, the Artist Residency program, budgeting activities, delegating duties to Research Assistants and mentoring a Wood-fire Research Assistant when appropriate.

For further information please contact Director Mette Blum Marcher, email mette@ceramic.dk

Applications for the Wood Kiln Yard Technician position must be sent by email to: ceramic@ceramic.dk no later than 17.00 (GMT +2) 21st September 2023

Please include:

- A current and relevant CV
- Contact information (e-mail) for 2 references.

Guldagergaard wishes to reflect the diversity of society and encourages all qualified candidates to apply regardless of personal background, nationality or gender.

Work description

The Kiln Yard technician's primary duties are related to the kiln yard. However, as Guldagergaard is a small institute, there will be times when it will be necessary that Kiln Yard Technician be asked to help with duties in the studio, during events or during special projects.

Kiln Yard:

- *Planning and managing the wood fired kilns on a daily base.*
- Organizing and managing coordination of the wood-fired kilns
- *Planning and managing wood-firing workshops, symposia, and seminars*
- *Promoting Guldagergaard and the wood-fired kilns*
- *Daily coordinating and organizing of the kiln yard for maintenance and cleaning*
- *Assisting and guiding the resident artists in wood-firing when necessary.*
- *Preparing wadding, wood-fire glazes and slips for the firings.*
- *Fire experimental firings to find new sustainable methods*
- *Managing logbook system digitally*

Other duties

- working on specific ceramic projects, commissions etc. as discussed with Studio Manager and Director