

OPEN CALL: PRODUCTION RESIDENCE AT THE TOP OF SCANDINAVIA

Welcome to Luleå, a city close to the Arctic Circle in the north of Sweden. Our open call programme for 2019 is a 2-step residence.

Our residence programme is a production based programme. We like to give the selected artist the opportunity to work in our many workshops, fully equipped with machinery and tools.

The artist will be invited for a week in June 2019 to do research and get to know us at KKV Luleå (Artist Collective Studio), artists, art institutions and the area we live in. KKV will arrange activity and meetings in the art and cultural context during the stay.

The second part of the residence is two months, September and October 2019. The artist will work independently according to their needs and interests. Before the second part of the residence the artist has to send in a sketch of work plan, need of workshops, machinery, tools etc. The artist also has to make sure the work material will be in place before coming back in September.

During the stay, we like the artist to present his/her previous work during an 'artist get-to-gather'.

KKV Luleå is part of the Swedish Lapland AiR network with residencies in the north of Sweden. Study visits to other partners in the network is possible. Read more about the network at www.swedishlaplandair.com

The residence program will provide the artist with:

- Grant of 2 000 Euros
- Travel up to 1 000 Euros
- Material up to 500 Euros
- Transportation of work up to 200 Euros
- Accommodation in private apartment is included

NOTE: work produced during the residence is the artist responsibility and has to be transported out from KKV at the end of the residence program.

Accommodation

Private apartment in the center of Luleå city, about 30 square meters. It's possible to have up to two guests in the apartment.

About us

KKV is an Artist Collective Studio (KKV stands for "Konstnärernas Kollektiv Verkstad") based in [Luleå](#). Among the 21 artistic collective workshops in Sweden, KKV Luleå is one of the largest with very well equipped creative labs.

Our workshops are fully equipped with machinery and tools: Graphics, screen printing, silk screen printing/serigraphy, ImageON (light box), enamel, sculpture (plaster, concrete, wax, stone, ceramic), wood, metal castings (bronze, aluminum), monumental spaces, digital art, sewing/embroidery machine.

Criterion for applicants

- Professional artists with minimum 5 years work experience.
- Be 35 year or older.
- Live in Europe (we do not accept applications from Swedish Artists at this open call)
- Not be enrolled in educational institution during the program period.
EXCEPTION: those who are in Ph.D. program are eligible.
- Be in a state of good health and able to carry out daily activities on his/her own.
- Have enough English skill to communicate with other artists and studio staff.

Application

Last day for Open call 23rd of April, 2019, at midnight.

Decision will be made in the end of April, 2019

Send your application to: info@kkvlulea.se mark the mail with "Residence 2019"

Please put below request into one pdf:

- Photos of your previous works/projects, maximum 10 photos and 5 projects.
- CV
- Motivation letter, why you would like to come to KKV in Luleå, maximum 1500 words.
- Address to webpage or other social media
- Contact info
- 2 references

Location

KKV is reachable within a 30min walk from the city center or a 7min car/bus ride (bus n. 6). Luleå is served by an airport, a bus and a train station, able to connect it to many regional areas within Sweden.

Read more about Luleå further down.

Contacts

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A brief history of the city Luleå

Luleå was founded in 1621 around the medieval church in Gammelstad. Due to land elevation, in 1649 the town was moved to its present location nearly 6 miles towards the sea. The river, the sea, the forest and the mining industry are the elements that have historically shaped the city.

In 1856, Luleå became seat of Norrbotten County while the mining ore line opened in 1888. The iron industry arrived in the 1940's, which led to a rapid development and a high population increase. The last official census in 2017 counted 76,000 inhabitants. Luleå is currently Sweden's 28th largest city.

Remarkable facts about Luleå

- World Heritage. The Church Town of [Gammelstad](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1996, comprises 424 wooden houses, huddled around a medieval stone church and it is the Old Town of Luleå.
- Archipelago. The [Luleå archipelago](#) comprises over 1,300 islands accessible all year round. Throughout the summer a daily ferry service is available, while in winter the islands can be reached by walking, ski/skating or driving. At the beginning of every year, 25 km of ice roads lead out to some of the most important spots.
- Attractive university. The [Luleå University of Technology](#) (LTU) is home to students, teachers and researchers from all over Sweden, as well as internationals. The university is a leading research institution in the fields of information and communication technology, metallurgy, mining as well as energy and renewable technologies.
- Business sector. The business community is diverse. A broad service sector, steel and engineering industries, a growing trade, tourism and new creative industries such as film production, digital design and social media — like the [Facebook Data Center](#) — are the economic drivers of the city.