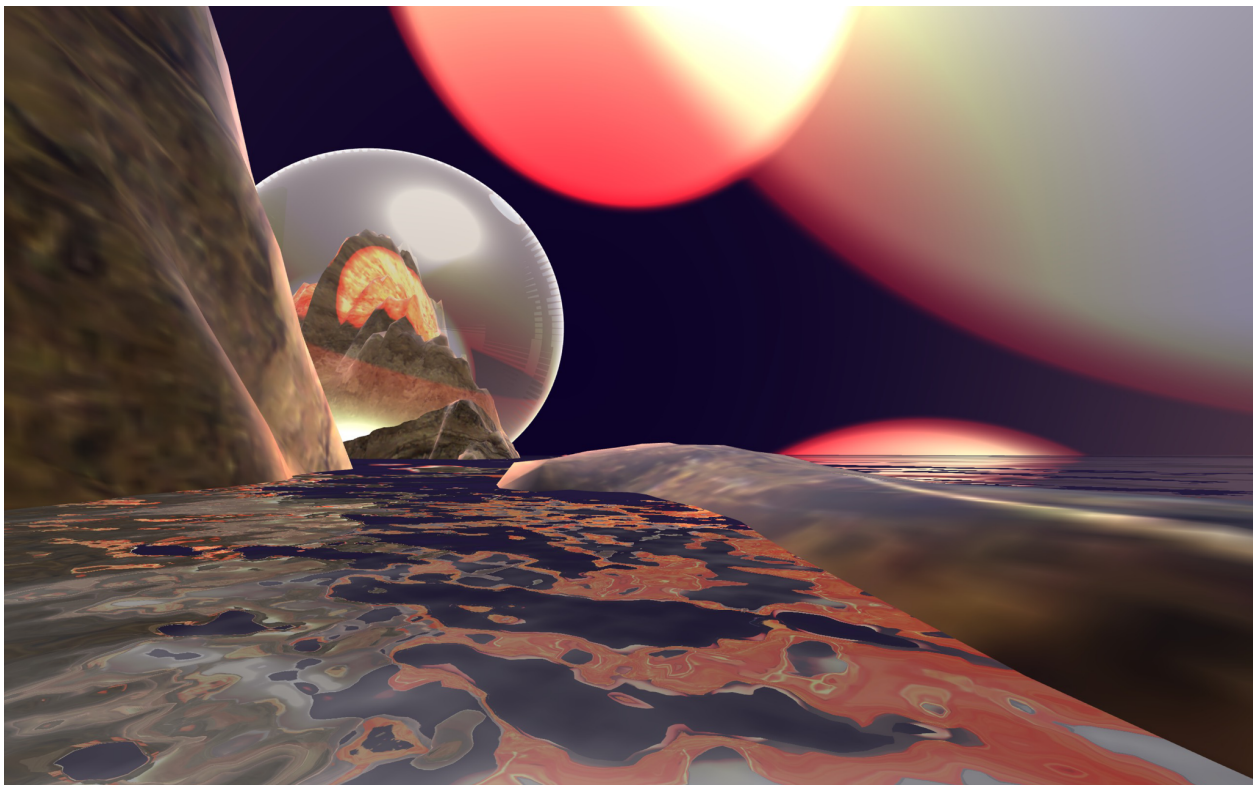




## NEW INC Announces Seed Grant Recipients In Partnership with Meta Open Arts



**NEW YORK, NY**—NEW INC, in collaboration with Meta Open Arts, today announced the recipients of ten \$10,000 seed grants supporting innovative art and tech projects that explore new models for a decentralized internet. Open to artists and creative technologists who are NEW INC members or alumni driving forward critical research in this space, the ten grantees were selected for projects addressing fair governance and shared power; tech equity, access, and literacy; justice, inclusion, and new infrastructure; environment and energy consumption; NFT markets and cultural value; and community, care, and connection. The culmination of their research will be presented at a community summit in October 2022 and made available at [newinc.org](https://newinc.org).

Including both individual practitioners and collectives, the ten seed grant recipients are:

- JAZSALYN/black beyond
- Bhavik Singh, Christopher Clary, Molly Soda, and Semi-Anonymous Friend
- Roopa Vasudevan
- Torin Blankensmith and Peter Whidden/Shader Park
- Eliza Evans/All the Way to Hell DAO
- Adelle Lin and Nour Batyne
- Unnamed Fund
- Genel Ambrose, Shanna Sabio, and Aisha Shillingford
- Yehwan Song
- Lisa Jamhoury and Aarón Montoya-Moraga

Addressing the opportunities and complex structural challenges presented by the next evolution of the Internet—alternatively referred to as Web3, an embodied internet, the convergence of physical and digital worlds, the Semantic Web or Spatial Web, or the metaverse—these grants support new and evolving projects that aim to improve these systems while fostering equity, accessibility, and accountability. The grant expands on NEW INC's mission to support its members and extensive alumni community through expansive professional development, mentorship, and skill-building opportunities.

### **About NEW INC**

As the first museum-led cultural incubator, NEW INC was conceived of as a not-for-profit platform for furthering the [New Museum](#)'s ongoing commitment to new art and new ideas. Now in Year 9, NEW INC's membership model continues to support a diverse range of creative practitioners with a values-driven program and safe space for gathering and developing new creative projects and businesses. In 2020, NEW INC launched [ONX Studio](#), an XR accelerator for artists, in partnership with the Onassis Foundation. NEW INC was cofounded by New Museum's Toby Devan Lewis Director, Lisa Phillips, and former Deputy Director, Karen Wong, in 2014.

### **About Meta Open Arts**

Meta Open Arts empowers artists and builds community through creativity. Founded in 2010, Meta Open Arts partners with cultural organizations and collaborates with artists and designers around the world, providing resources to maximize creativity and bring people closer together in an increasingly tech-driven and digitally based world. Meta Open Arts believes that art has the ability to offer new ways of thinking about ourselves, our communities and the world at large.

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