Nym Squad League: Fall Season report

The world needs more heroes! **Nym Squad League** is a framework for anyone to join the Nym community, grow their skills and start contributing to Nym's mission: ***to enable privacy for all of humanity***.

Every season, a new set of missions are publicly announced for different levels of skills:
- New to Nym? Sign up, learn about Nym and start contributing as a **'Nymster'**.
- Keen and talented? You will quickly be promoted to **'Nymja'** and trusted with more serious missions and higher rewards.
- Core community members who are ready to take more leadership are invited to join the ranks of '**Shinobi'** to collaborate closely with the core team.

From capturing the essence of online privacy in a dank meme all the way to building tooling and applications, the league is open to skills of all kinds - with rewards distributed accordingly. The ultimate goal of the Squad League is to foster a community of privacy experts who can operate and sustain the decentralized infrastructure of the future.

This 2024 Fall Season community report announces the past three months achievements: completed missions, promotions and rewards, (find the previous Summer season report [here](#)). A full update is also provided for the Nym community treasury: *[Squad Wealth Fund](#)*.
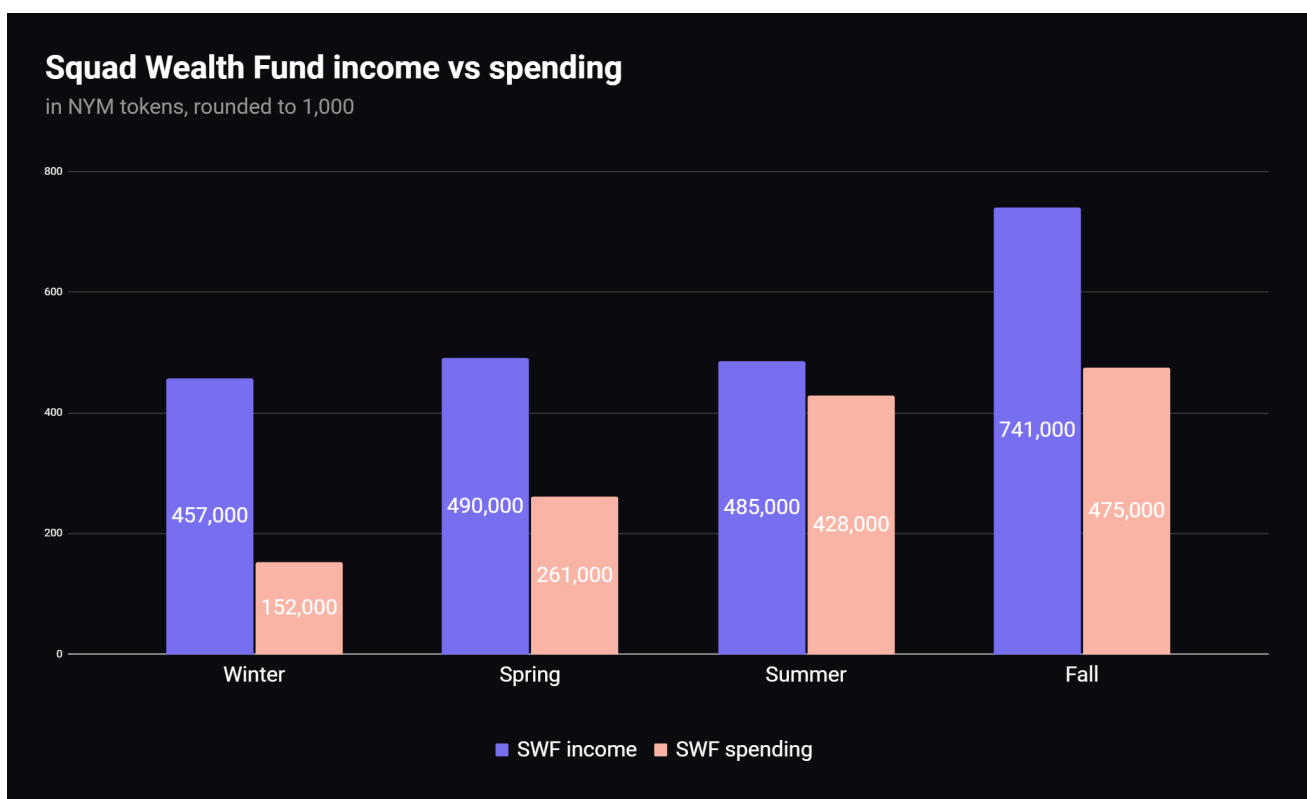
Squad Wealth Fund update

The Squad Wealth Fund **is the community treasury**. It funds development projects, community missions, moderation, meet-ups and more. Here is how it works:

1. Every season the Nym core team treasury stakes NYM tokens on community operated mix nodes as part of the Nym Delegations Program. This helps bootstrap new Nym nodes as well as earn rewards for the community.
2. At the end of each season, staking rewards are redeemed and added to the Squad Wealth Fund (SWF), which is the main source of funding for Nym community projects, development and growth.
3. The Nym community can apply for grants and report their contributions on the Nym forum.
4. Contributors receive rewards from the Squad Wealth Fund and a report such as the one you are looking at is generated.

Staking and rewards

	Spring Season	Summer Season	Fall Season
Total staked by Treasury	29 750 000 NYM	32 000 000 NYM	67 350 000 NYM
APY (annualized)	6.75%	6.20%	n/a
Total staking rewards	490 249 NYM	484 922 NYM	741 266 NYM

Income and spending

Income

This season saw significant growth in the Squad Wealth Fund, driven by strategic scaling of the Nym Delegations Program. Thanks in part to the recent NYM token buyback, the Delegations Program's budget was raised from **40 million NYM to 70 million NYM - a 75% increase**.

As of today, **67.35 million NYM** of the increased budget has already been staked on community-operated Nym nodes, and as a result Fall Season staking rewards saw a **53% season-to-season increase**, rising from **484k NYM to 741k NYM**.

It's worth noting that since the budget increase occurred mid-season and delegations were implemented progressively, an accurate annualized APY for this season cannot be calculated.

Spending

Spending from the Squad Wealth Fund saw a modest increase this Fall Season, **rising from 428k NYM in the Summer to 475k NYM.** This growth reflects the expanded scale and number of community contributions supported by the fund. Larger builder grants, such as those awarded to **NymHUB** and **NymCHAT**, played a key role in this increase.

A detailed breakdown of expenditures, including specific allocations and supported initiatives, will be provided in subsequent sections of this report.

Balance
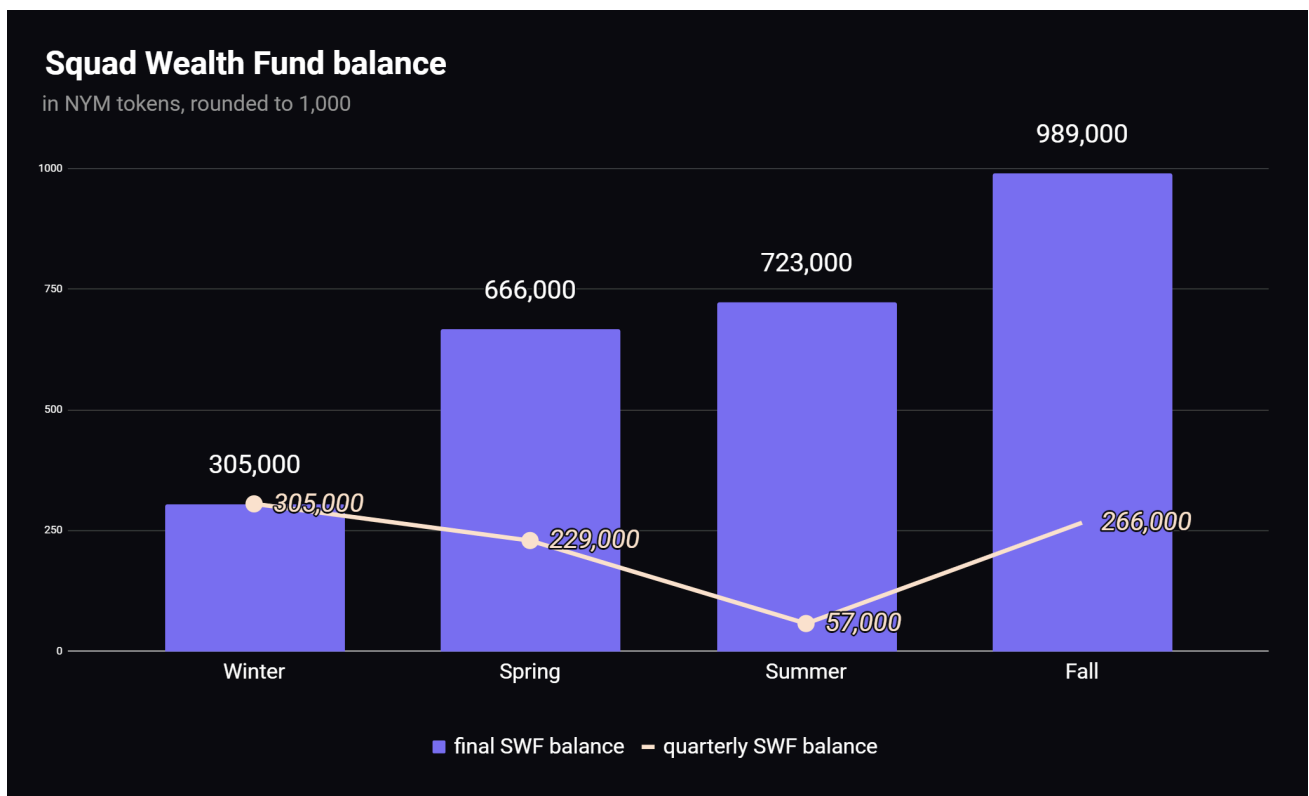
Thanks to the significant increase in the Delegations Program budget, the Squad Wealth Fund finishes the Fall Season with a **strong positive balance of 266k NYM**. This is particularly impressive given the modest rise in spending. When you factor in this balance, the community is left with nearly **1 million NYM** in the warchest - a significant amount that positions the Nym Squad League for continued growth in the seasons ahead.

Seasonal objectives

The Nym community had these key objectives for the final season of 2024:

1. **Bring the noise! It's simple: flood the net with real and cover traffic, and be private together (for some NYM rewards, of course)**
2. **Help and amplify the NymVPN launch**
3. **Strengthen and optimize the Nym network**
4. **Build tools and apps for the Nym ecosystem**

Let's take them in this order and see how we did!

1. Bring the noise!

The Nym mixnet **generates noise**: these are network techniques designed to confuse surveillance efforts and **increase the anonymity of everyone** using the network.

The Nym community went all in on testing the NymVPN and generated big waves of cover traffic across the season. Nymsters globally participated in the **Bring the Noise!** mission and competed for having the longest connection time every month.

@RhizenCrypt on Twitter/X was the undisputed **Bring the Noise! Champ.** They will receive **1000 $NYM reward each month** for their submissions and bonus points on the leaderboard. Here is a list of the winning submissions:

- 48 hours: [Rhizen Crypt on X: "Day 3 of Breaking the Nym mixnet!](#)
- 70 hours: [Rhizen Crypt on X: "Day 32 of Breaking the Nym mixnet!](#)
- 30 hours: [Rhizen Crypt on X: "43 of Breaking the Nym mixnet!](#)
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Wins: Community testing resulted in invaluable feedback, more cover traffic across the mixnet & growth on Twitter/X
Areas of improvement: Relying on more privacy-focused platforms; more community participation.

2. Help and amplify the NymVPN launch

Nym community members from around the globe made efforts to amplify the upcoming NymVPN launch in 2025. They organised workshops, represented Nym in events and gathered valuable feedback to help out the developers.

- **Creating content**: 6+ episodes of our community-hosted Spanish community call were published during this season. Apart from this, there were a number of other participants who submitted other forms of content like Twitter/X posts, official blogs like [this one](#) and publishing content on the subreddit & the official chats.

- **Events:** 15+ workshops & Nym events were hosted around the globe during the Fall season. Nymsters everywhere from South America to Asia attended or hosted these events to promote NymVPN to new audiences, gather feedback about the beta app and share the best privacy practices!

Wins: Promoting NymVPN to new audiences & gathering valuable feedback
Areas of improvement: More standardised instructions and content for showcasing in events

3. Strengthen and optimize the Nym network

NymVPN, the first user-facing commercial app to run on the Nym mixnet, is launching early next year. The team shipped a bunch of important updates and changes for operators, holders & stakers of $NYM and users of the Nym network.

- **Zk-nym infrastructure is in place**, and apps with the new sign in/sign up flow are live across all platforms.
- **User subscriptions will trigger NYM token buy-orders**, which are then used to reward operators, stakers, and the Nym team for running and maintaining the network software, creating a flywheel effect that benefits the whole ecosystem.
- **NYM reward pool is now distributed across 5 layers of nodes** to include entry and exit gateways as well as three layers of mix nodes.
- **Nym nodes are now multi-functiona**l. Operators now simply run a Nym node and then enable gateway and mix node modes. Thanks to all node operators for, especially those in the Nym Delegations Program for updating their nodes so swiftly and configuring, troubleshooting with us - this has been a hell of a ride!
- **Project smoosh is complete**. This means that operators simply run Nym nodes and the mixnet contract now only "sees" Nym nodes. Operators will have to run up to date software to be included in the active set and gateways will have to get stake for the first time in order to be selected to the active set.

Wins: New upgrades to technical documentation were released for Nym operators, builders, devs and technical community, as promised last season!
Areas of improvement: More community-made guides and mix node promotions to attract new operators in more countries.

4. Build tools and apps for the Nym ecosystem

The Nym community went all-out in building new tools this season! Here are some of the most promising entries from the previous 3 months:

- **NymChat Python app**: a python based messaging client that uses Nym's mixnet via WebSocket
- **NymHUB**: a community landing page with helpful guides and instructions to quickly become a top notch contributor in the Nym ecosystem
- **Nymja AI**: an app that integrates the power of open-source generative large language models with the security of the Nym mixnet architecture
- **Spectre Explorer**: a surprise contribution from SpectreDAO, a brand new community squad, Spectre explorer is a fully featured Nym network explorer which is quickly becoming a community favorite.

Wins: More new community members building on Nym than ever! A few more honorable mentions include Telegram-based node and delegations - see the full list of contributors for more details.
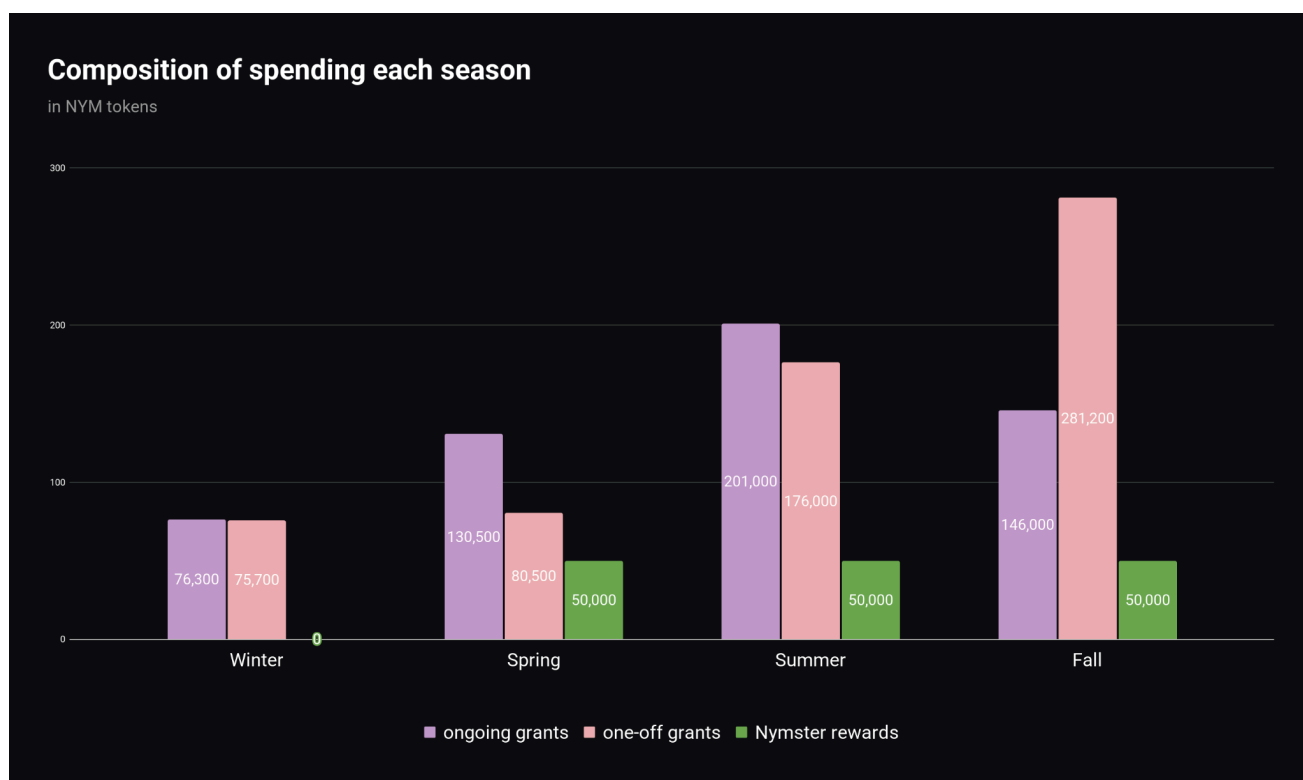
Areas of improvement: With nearly 1 million NYM's worth of dry powder, even more large scale, longer term projects can now be supported - we are looking forward to seeing your proposals!

Contributions and rewards

The Nym Squad League supports the community to complete missions and get rewarded for it. These missions can be ongoing, repeating each season, or they can be one-off projects.

The Fall season's mission board can be seen here and contributions, ongoing projects and rewards are also public. Nymja and Shinobi can also work on "covert missions", proposing their own ideas.

Nymster rewards

Composition of spending each season
in NYM tokens

- Winter: ongoing grants 76,300 | one-off grants 75,700 | Nymster rewards 0
- Spring: ongoing grants 130,500 | one-off grants 80,500 | Nymster rewards 50,000
- Summer: ongoing grants 201,000 | one-off grants 176,000 | Nymster rewards 50,000
- Fall: ongoing grants 146,000 | one-off grants 281,200 | Nymster rewards 50,000

Legend: ongoing grants ▪ one-off grants ▪ Nymster rewards

Nym Squad League rewards contributors in two different ways: via missions by collecting points or through **Grants**.

- **Missions** are available to everyone who signs up as a Nymster. Starting with the Spring Season, points can be gathered by anyone, including 'Nymsters' - people who have just joined. Collect points and unlock achievements to gain multipliers, and work your way up to the bigger missions.
- Nymsters who share proposals on the Nym forum that get accepted by the team are eligible for **Grants** which are paid out at the end of each season from the Squad Wealth Fund.

A leaderboard is published at the end of the season and the top contestants share the Nymster prize pool proportionally to their final score.

The 2024 Fall season leaderboard is available [here](#).

In the 2024 Fall season, all 120+ contestants who collected points get a share of the 50K NYM reward pool. **Congratulations!**
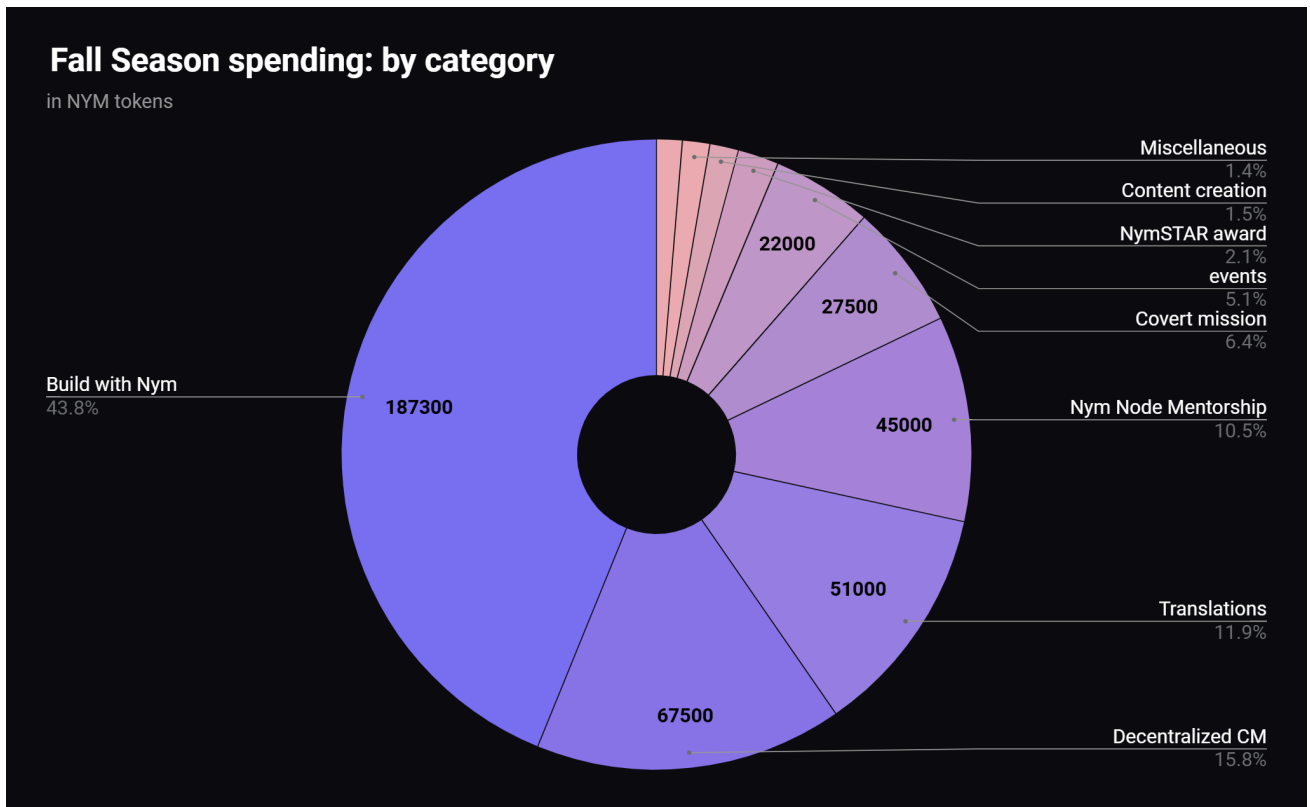
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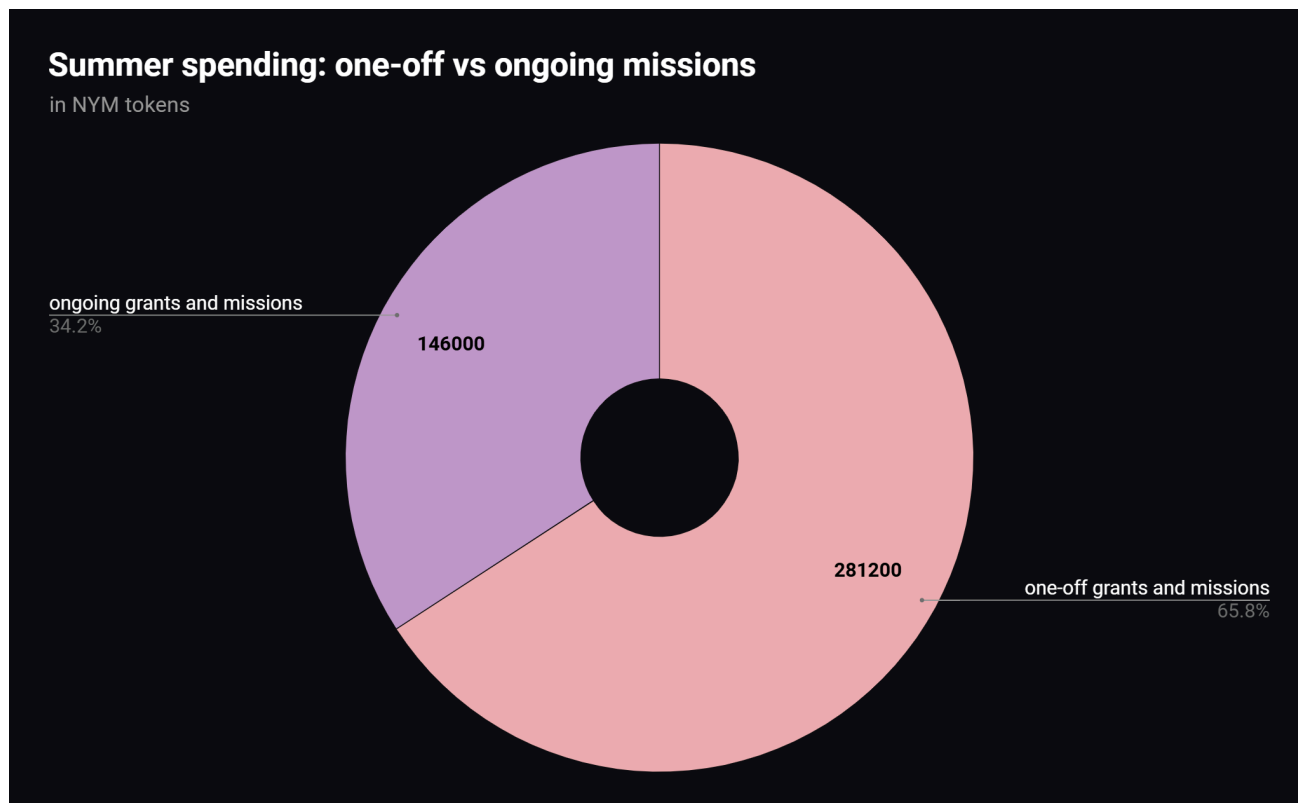
This chart gives an overview of rewards paid out for:

1. **Ongoing missions this season were rewarded with a total of 146 000 NYM**. A growing list of important roles now filled by community contributors and their squads, which will repeat next season:
    a. Community mentors provide ongoing technical support to the Nym node operator community;
    b. Four different language channels are now independent from core team, fully community-managed;
    c. All Nym content and the interface and website of NymVPN is community-translated to 7 languages;
    d. Showrunners help with administration and execution of the Nym Squad League.
2. **One-off missions were rewarded with a total of 281 000 NYM**. One-off missions include things like organizing an event/workshop/meetup, representing Nym at an event/conference, creating content or building a tool/application. This season we saw:
    a. Nym community events participation across three continents
    b. Ongoing testing and showcasing of NymVPN

c. Helping the Nym team at events and running booths
d. Content creation, from blog posts to twitter threads
e. Building applications utilizing the Nym mixnet, and tooling for the Nym community to use

Here is a breakdown of payouts by category:

Fall Season spending: by category
in NYM tokens

- Miscellaneous — 1.4%
- Content creation — 1.5%
- NymSTAR award — 2.1%
- events — 5.1%
- Covert mission — 6.4%
- Nym Node Mentorship — 45000 — 10.5%
- Translations — 51000 — 11.9%
- Decentralized CM — 67500 — 15.8%
- Build with Nym — 187300 — 43.8%
- 22000
- 27500

Contribution highlights

Just like last season, we saw Nymsters and Nymjas host events around the globe. Additionally, the number and quality of builders' grants and dev projects has come a long way since the Squad League debuted a year ago. Here are some highlights with our favorite photos of the season. The complete list of contributors is attached as *Annex A* at the end of this report.

Spectre Explorer by SpectreDAO
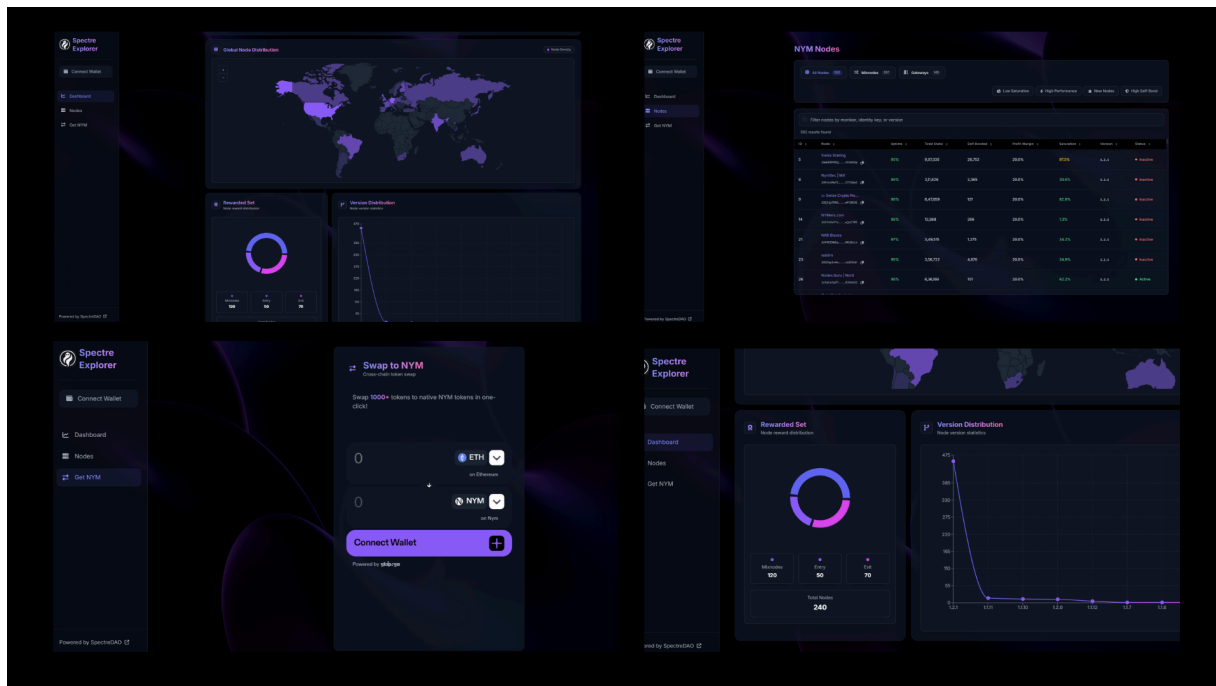
NymChat python based messaging client over the mixnet by code-zm
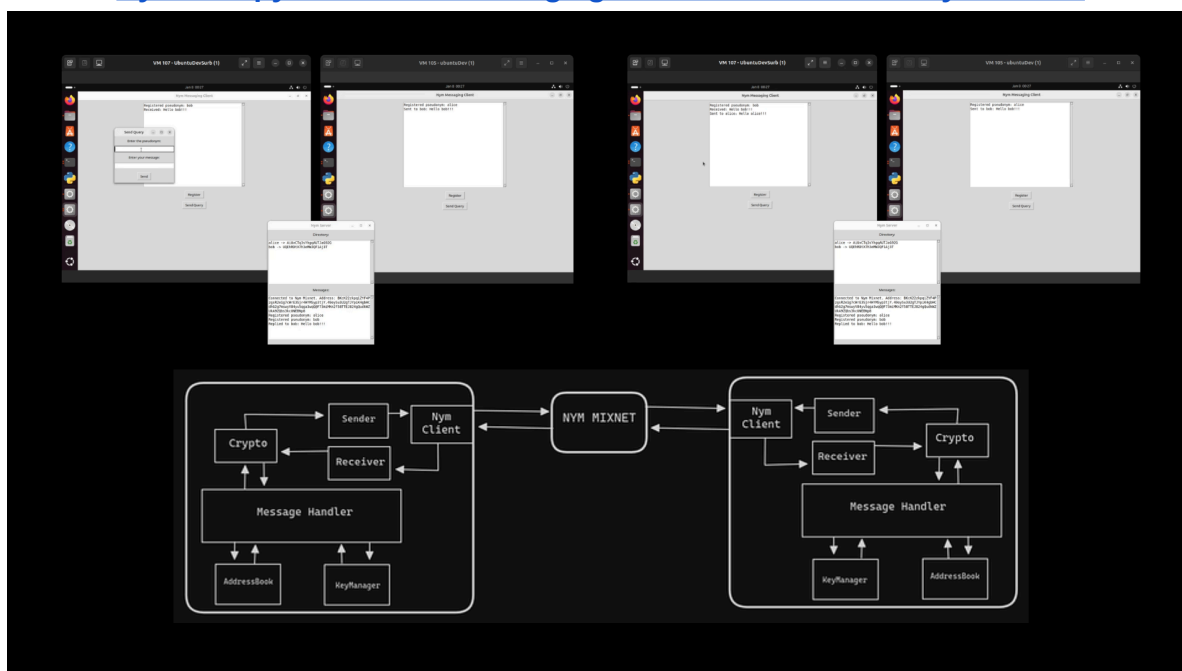
New episodes of the Spanish Nym community call went live (hosted by Rocio Gonzales, BWNym & TupiNymQuim squads)

NymVPN talk in Castalia City by DiaNym

Meetup event held in Chittagong University, Bangladesh by WSA squad
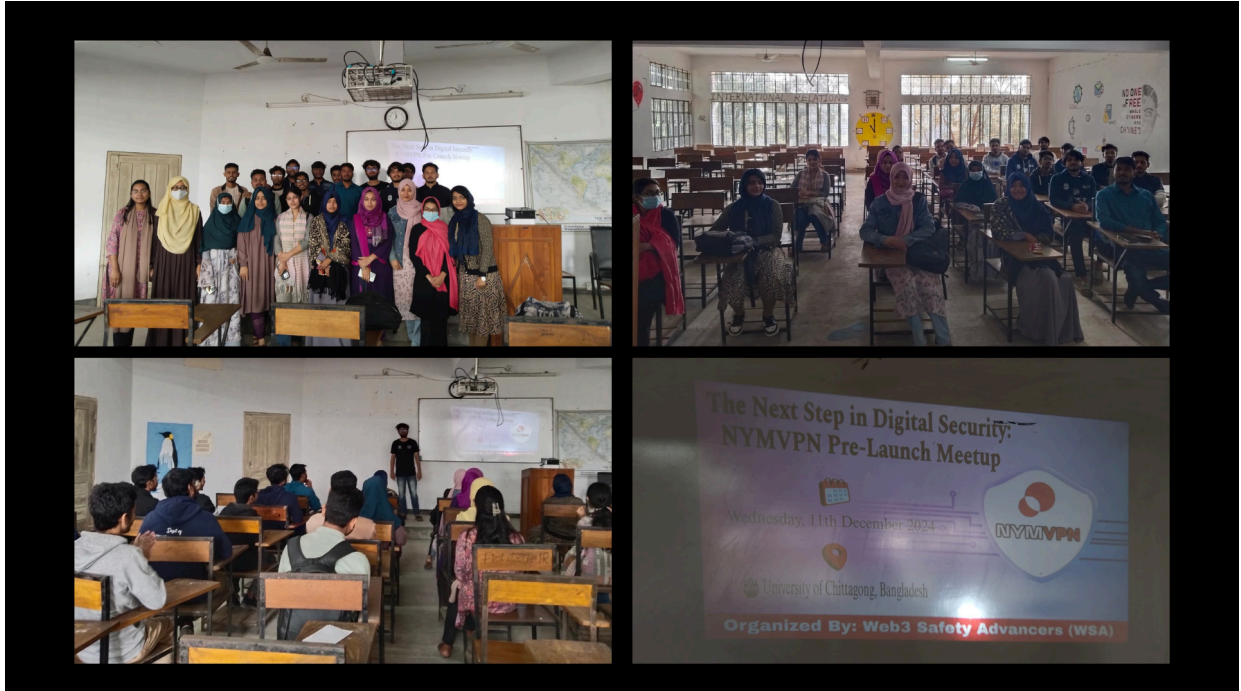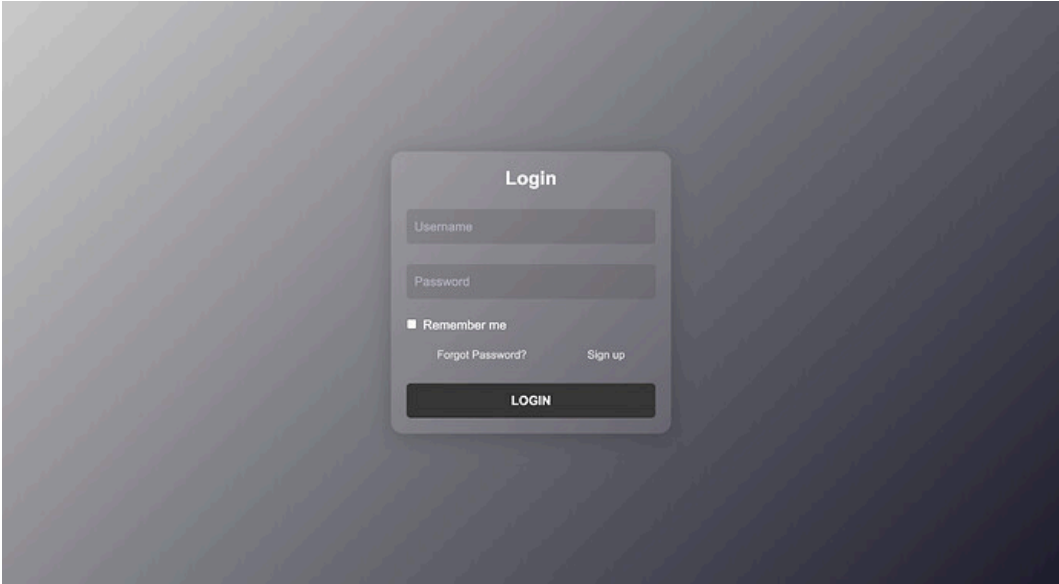

NymVPN WorkShop: 42 Rio by TupiNymQuim squad

[**Eth Medellín Gathering: A Glimpse into Nym's Latest Updates by AlexPlato & Noisk**](#)

[**'Nymja.AI: integrating main open-source LLMs with privacy' by Psydenst**](#)

Shoutouts

Promotions

There are three ranks in the Nym Squad League:

1. Nymster: new joiners who are here to learn about Nym and privacy
2. Nymja: core community members with a proven track record of contributions
3. Shinobi: heavy weight contributors, true experts at Nym and its technology

At the end of each season, the most outstanding contributors can rank up. Here is a list of this season's promotions - thanks to all of them for making a difference this season!

DiaNym -> Nymja
A member of the Build with Nym squad, DiaNym has quickly become an ever present phenomenon in the community. She topped the Fall Season Nymster leaderboard, and it is hard to find a community call or event without her, and she's contributed to the community by creating content in Spanish, including videos and articles together with her squad. She gave engaging talks about NYM, nodes, mixnet and NymVPN.

code-zm -> Nymja
ZM is a fairly new community member who was quick to get his hands dirty developing NymChat, a mixnet-based chat application. We can't wait to use the app!

Hlebuchek666 -> Nymja
An NSL regular and NymSTAR, Hlebuchek is an active participant of the Nym community with various contributions, it is time for a promotion, friend - welcome to the Nymja Squad!

Hiroshimat -> Nymja
Hiroshimat has been part of the Nym ecosystem since 2021, who participated in and graduated Nym Shipyard 2023. He is launching an association called Autonomind whose mission is to provide the tools and platforms necessary for each individual to take control of their personal growth, interactions, and economic prosperity. Their Nym node, which they've maintained consistently up to date, will play a central role in generating revenue to support this initiative.

RhizenCrypt -> Nymja
Already a NymVPN expert before launch, RhizenCrypt has been connecting and testing out the super-private anonymous mode offered by NymVPN as part of the **Bring the Noise mission** in the NSL Fall season. No one could compete with the noise that RhizenCrypt brought with him, setting connection time records for October, November and December!

NymSTAR awards

NymSTAR is a prestigious monthly award the community gives to those who went the extra mile with their contributions, or simply by being outstanding members of the Nym community. A big thank you to to all NymSTARs this season:

- DiaNym (x2!)
- Beyond (x2!)
- code-zm
- hlebuchek666
- anonymouserkan
- ridvancakiroglu
- bumpmeup

Conclusion

With the Fall Season the Nym Squad League is closing its first whole year as well. It's been an action-packed and successful year. With upcoming improvements to the Squad League framework and an ever increasing number of contributions, the Nym community with upcoming improvements to the Squad League framework, The Nym community starts 2025 strong.

Over the past 12 months, The Squad Wealth Fund supported community initiatives to the tune of 1 million NYM, still leaving another million in reserve to grow the Squad League further. Thank you for joining us for the ride!

Annex A: List of all rewarded contributions this season

Visit the [Nym forum](#) for more information about each contribution.

Contributor	Rank	Mission/grant	Achievement	reward (in NYM)
____Lvkezeng	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	400 NYM
____Lvkezeng	Nymster	Miscellaneous	Token of Appreciation	1,000 NYM
_rainRAID	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	250 NYM
adnglz	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	300 NYM
Akira_Betty	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	250 NYM
AlexPlato+Noisk8	-	Nym meetup	[Eth Medellín Gathering: Sharing Nym's Latest Updates](#)	1,000 NYM
Anonymouserkan	Nymja	NymSTAR award	The champion of the Nym community in December 2024	1,000 NYM
ArifNewaz	Nymja	Translations	[Translations of announcements, the Nym blog to Bengali](#)	1,000 NYM
bdotcom	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	250 NYM
bentoiliver	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	250 NYM
Beyond	Shinobi	Build with Nym	[Nym HUB: Community landing page](#)	50,000 NYM
Beyond	Shinobi	Nym meetup	[NymVPN workshop in Kyiv (Oct 11)](#)	1,000 NYM
Beyond	Shinobi	Nym meetup	[NymVPN workshop in Kyiv (Oct 27)](#)	1,000 NYM
Beyond	Shinobi	NSL Showrunner	[Posted regular Nym updates across various channels, helped with running, translating Nym quizzes and compiling quiz scores](#)	1,500 NYM
Beyond	Shinobi	NymSTAR award	The champion of the Nym community in November 2024	1,000 NYM
Beyond	Shinobi	NymSTAR award	The champion of the Nym community in October 2024	1,000 NYM
Beyond	Shinobi	Content creation	[Video & text guide to installing Nym node](#)	800 NYM
Beyond DAO	Squad	Decentralized CM	[Managing, moderating and growing Ukrainian community channels](#)	15,000 NYM
Beyond DAO	Squad	Translations	[Translations of announcements, the Nym blog, and the NymVPN interface and content to Ukrainian](#)	10,000 NYM
bumpmeup	Nymja	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	350 NYM
bumpmeup	Nymja	Covert mission	[Project «Nymesis»: analyze yield, update frequency, delegate movement, processed packets and other more data for a certain period of time.](#)	2,500 NYM

bumpmeup	Nymja	Build with Nym	[Telegram mixnode monitor bot update](#)	800 NYM
bumpmeup	Nymja	NymSTAR award	The champion of the Nym community in December 2024	1,000 NYM
bumpmeup	Nymja	Miscellaneous	Token of Appreciation	1,000 NYM
BWNym + DAOariwas	Squad	Nym/NymVPN meetup	[6 episodes of Spanish Community calls "El Rincón de la Privacidad"](#)	6,000 NYM
BWNym Squad	Squad	Decentralized CM	[Managing, moderating and growing Spanish community channels](#)	15,000 NYM
code-zm	Nymster	Build with Nym	[NymChat: Python-based messenger on Nym mixnet](#)	20,000 NYM
code-zm	Nymster	NymSTAR award	The champion of the Nym community in November 2024	1,000 NYM
dbby075	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	300 NYM
DiaNym	Nymster	Nym meetup	[Nym talk at Uttecam](#)	2,500 NYM
DiaNym	Nymster	Nym meetup	[NymVPN talk in Castalia City](#)	2,500 NYM
DiaNym	Nymster	NymSTAR award	The champion of the Nym community in November 2024	1,000 NYM
DiaNym	Nymster	NymSTAR award	The champion of the Nym community in October 2024	1,000 NYM
Dodifayed	Nymster	Translations	[Translations of the Nym blog, and the NymVPN interface and content to Hindi](#)	10,000 NYM
edgpt	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	250 NYM
EduardaDT	Nymja	Translations	[Translations of announcements, the Nym blog, and the NymVPN interface and content to Portuguese](#)	10,000 NYM
ethere10	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	250 NYM
Gelois	Nymja	Content creation	[Guide for newcomers](#)	500 NYM
Gutss	Nymja	NSL Showrunner	[Posted regular Nym updates across various channels, helped with running, translating Nym quizzes and compiling quiz scores](#)	2,500 NYM
HappyGiZ	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	300 NYM
hlebuchek666	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	300 NYM
hlebuchek666	Nymster	Build with Nym	[Telegram bot for official links](#)	500 NYM
hlebuchek666	Nymster	NymSTAR award	The champion of the Nym community in October 2024	1,000 NYM
iamixas	Nymja	Miscellaneous	[Attracting partner projects for BD](#)	1,000 NYM
iamixas	Nymja	Nym-related Twitter account management	[Regular posting from @NYM_Insider dedicated account on X](#)	500 NYM
Imnastechka	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	250 NYM
imtost	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	250 NYM
JohnSmithPR	Shinobi	Nym Node Mentorship	[Help with the delegation program and node setup for newcomers](#)	10,000 NYM

mehrdadmee	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	400 NYM
Merve	Shinobi	Service grant & node mentorship	Assistance with running the Service Grants program, help with the delegation program and node setup for newcomers	15,000 NYM
msthsr	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	300 NYM
Noisk8	Shinobi	Build with Nym	Little Nym-Node Monitor	1,000 NYM
Noisk8	Shinobi	Managing Nym subreddit	Making regular posts & updates on the Nym subreddit	1,000 NYM
Nym GANG	Squad	Decentralized CM	Managing, moderating and growing Russian community channels	15,000 NYM
Psydenst	Shinobi	Covert mission	Interactive map of the United States, representing the legislative coverage of media laws in all the American states	20,000 NYM
Psydenst	Squad	Build with Nym	nymja.AI: open-source LLM with built-in privacy	40,000 NYM
RhizenCrypt	Nymster	Bring the NOISE!	Longest NymVPN connection time in December (anonymous mode)	1,000 NYM
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Ridvanc	Nymja	NymSTAR award	The champion of the Nym community in December 2024	1,000 NYM
Rocio Gonzalez+Estefani	-	Translations	Translations of announcements, the Nym blog, and the NymVPN interface and content to Spanish	10,000 NYM
SpectreDAO	Squad	Build with Nym	SpectreDAO explorer for the Nym network	75,000 NYM
Supermeia	Shinobi	Nym Node Mentorship	Help with the delegation program and node setup for newcomers	10,000 NYM
TanElliott	Nymja	Represent Nym at an event	Tech Impact Summit (VTIS) 2024 in Hanoi	500 NYM
TanElliott	Nymja	Nym event	Vietnamese Community call	500 NYM
teimourche	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	400 NYM
tima1ww	Nymster	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	250 NYM
TupiNymQuim	Squad	Covert mission	ad-hoc, urgent and high-quality content translation	5,000 NYM
TupiNymQuim	Squad	Content creation	Article "Nym Squads speak out: TupiNymQuim on the ground in Brazil"	5,000 NYM
TupiNymQuim	Squad	Decentralized CM	Managing, moderating and growing Portuguese community channels	15,000 NYM
TupiNymQuim	Squad	Nym meetup	NymVPN WorkShop: 42 Rio	2,500 NYM
TupiNymQuim	Squad	Nym meetup	NymVPN Workshop: CryptoFrevo	2,500 NYM
Unclelem	Nymja	NSL Showrunner	Posted regular Nym updates across various channels, helped with running, translating Nym quizzes and compiling quiz scores	2,000 NYM
Unclelem	Nymja	Translations	Translations of announcements, the Nym blog, and the NymVPN interface and content to Russian	10,000 NYM

Vinlexnodes	Shinobi	Nym Node Mentorship	[Help with the delegation program and node setup for newcomers](#)	10,000 NYM
vvmmaann	Nymja	Covert mission	BorderLeap: censorship resistance research	300 NYM
WSA Squad	Squad	Nym meetup	[NymVPN workshop in Chittagong University, Bangladesh](#)	2,000 NYM